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PART II.

FAMILY SKETCHES.



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ARKELL, JAMES, manufacturer, is a descendant of Sir Hugh De Aracle and of Sir George Rooke, names famous in English history. Mr. Arkell has carved a name for himself worthy of his illustrious ancestry. He was born on the 16th of October, 1829, in Berkshire, England, emigrated with his parents to America, and settled on a farm near Canajoharie. He early developed literary taste and while yet a boy began lecturing. He was for many years manager and proprietor of the *Canajoharie Radii*, and in 1859 he and Adam Smith embarked in the manufacture of paper sacks, which has since developed into a very large and lucrative business. Mr. Arkell is a staunch Republican. He has been state senator and is a power in the councils of his party. He is a ready and eloquent speaker and a powerful writer on political and financial affairs. He includes among his friends many of the eminent statesmen of the day and was a frequent and welcome visitor to General Grant in his last sickness. He was the chief promoter and owner of the Mt. McGregor railroad, and for some years the principal proprietor of the *Albany Evening Journal*. In 1853 he married Sarah H. Bartlett, who was born in 1835 at Philmont, and is a daughter of Ebenezer Bartlett, of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Arkell have the following children: William J., born March 26, 1856, now a joint owner of the *Judge* and also of *Frank Leslie's Newspapers*, New York; he married Minnie A. Cahill; Mary F. A., born April 2, 1862, and now wife of Edwards Burnap; Bartlett, who married Carrie Clark; Laura, born on the 18th of July, 1866, and now wife of John Ilse; Bertelle, born on the 28th of January, 1871, and now wife of Bernard Gillam. Mr. Arkell is a large contributor to the church and benevolent purposes. He has recently rebuilt his residence at great expense, and it is now one of the finest in Central New York.

Arndt Family, The.—Prior to the revolutionary war, three brothers named Arndt emigrated from Germany and settled in the state of Pennsylvania. One of the number, after a few years, returned to his native country, and another (Abraham), left Pennsylvania and settled in Minden. Abraham, the founder of the present branch of the family in Montgomery county, from the beginning took a great interest in public affairs, became major in the militia, and participated with his command at the battle of Oriskany. In 1786 he purchased a farm in Minden for £112, from the state of New York, upon which he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1825. In 1786 he was elected state senator and held that position until 1791, and in 1792 his name appears in the town records of Canajoharie, as holding the office of supervisor.

He was married after he came to Montgomery county and had thirteen children. Two of the number died in their infancy; of the remainder, John, born August 11, 1782, died in Herkimer county; Anna was born June 16, 1794, date of death unknown; Elizabeth was born February 5, 1796, married Abram Moyer and died in Minden; Catherine was born February 28, 1798, and married Henry Nells of Palatine; Maria was born September 25, 1799, and married Peter Nells of Palatine; Magdalena was born September 9, 1801, but the date of her death is unknown; Abram was born November 18, 1803; Jacob W., born December 12, 1805, married and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eve, born October 24, 1807, married H. F. C. Moyer and removed to Newark; Peter was born January 23, 1810, married Miss Adams of Fort Plain, and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich.; Henry was born July 21, 1812, and died at Newark. Of the thirteen children Abram resided on the old homestead (where he was born) until his death, which occurred October 1, 1864. On June 22, 1826, he married Mary Walrath. They had four children, viz.: Maria, who married Henry Sanders, and died in Minden; Minerva, who married David Elwood and is now living at Jackson, Mich.; Alfred, who resides in Minden; and Henry, who is now a resident of Bay Ridge. Alfred, the eldest son of Abram, was born on the old homestead, June 1, 1831, and has always resided there. On the 22d day of June, 1870, he married Adaline, daughter of John Diefendorf, of Minden. Of their children one died in infancy; the others were Beatrice, who died, aged fourteen years; and Charles, who is now living with his father on the farm. Mr. Arndt is a prominent farmer and a Republican in politics.

Archer, Gilbert G., Florida, telegraph operator and agent of the West Shore railroad at Fort Hunter, was born at Constantia, Oswego county, January 22, 1859. He was one of six children of Hugh G. and Margaret (Hoyle) Archer. Hugh G., the father, was born in Scotland in 1834, coming to this country when a boy; his wife, Margaret Hoyle, was also born in Scotland in 1838. The early life of Gilbert G. was spent in Kentucky, where he was educated, after which he returned to New York state, and since 1887 has been telegraph operator and agent of the West Shore railroad, having been stationed at Fort Hunter since 1888. In addition to his regular duties he has done a large amount of insurance business in the town. He was married January 20, 1883, to Hattie A. Marsh, one of nine children of P. S. and Lavina (Bly) Marsh of Constantia.

Aldrich, Frederick H., Amsterdam, was born in Saratoga county, on the 14th day of March, 1853, and was educated in the public schools and Starkey Seminary in Yates county. In the year 1879 he came to Amsterdam. On the 5th of April, 1874, he married Sarah J. Frasier of his native place, by whom he had six children: Sattie M., Annah B., Amy A., Elbert H., Nettie J., and Frederick H., jr. Mr. Aldrich's father, John H., was born at the old home and married Sally M., by whom he had seven children. Her father, John Johnson, was a soldier and captain in the war of 1812. Mr. Aldrich is foreman in Tennis, Peck & Co. broom factory.

Allen, Nelson W., Amsterdam, father of Chauncey W., was born in North Galway, Saratoga county, July 12, 1812, and was educated in the public schools of his day. About the year 1834 he married Ann, daughter of Sarah and John Nott, formerly of

England. They had eight children, two have died, five daughters and one son survive: Sarah A., who married Isaiah McNeil, now of Bristoe, Va.; Marion, who married Elijah Barber of Galway; Lydia and Lois reside in this city with their brother and sister; Jennie E. and Chauncey W. are doing a grocery business on West Main street in this city. The Allen family came from Vermont in early times and are of English extraction.

Ayres, Alexander, M. D., Minden, is a lineal descendent of Capt. John Ayres, who settled at Ipswich, Mass., in 1648. The line of descent is as follows: First, John; second, Samuel; third, Jabez; fourth, Jabez. The latter was the grandfather of our subject, and was a revolutionary soldier. He was stationed in the winter of 1778 at Bound Brook, N. J. His son, Henry, the father of Dr. Ayres, was born in 1774, at New Braintree, Worcester county, Mass., and came to Oppenheim, in 1792. He was engaged in farming, and married Abigail Bean. Their eldest son (of a family of nine children) was the doctor, who was born in Oppenheim, April 9 1811. After attending the local schools, at the age of nineteen years, he taught school at Little Falls for several terms, afterwards at East Creek. About 1833 he commenced the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. Daniel Ayres, at East Creek. He attended for two years lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Fairfield, and graduated in 1836 from the Medical College at Castleton, Vt. In the same year he was licensed by the Montgomery Medical Society to practice surgery. In 1836, his uncle having removed to Amsterdam, he commenced practicing at East Creek, but in the same year removed to Pontiac, Mich. After a residence there of three years, owing to sickness in his family, he returned to East Creek, where he practiced until 1857, when he came to Fort Plain, and continued in active business until his death, August 27, 1886. In 1831 he married Miss Harriet C. Farr of East Creek, and they had seven children: Sarah Helen, died young, in Michigan; Walter, resides in Oregon; Douglass, Albert, Harriet and Alexander, all residents of Fort Plain; and Helen, wife of Henderson Peck, attorney at Parkersburg, W. Va. Dr. Ayres was a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Medical societies, and was one of the founders of the New York State Medical Association. A Democrat in politics, he was elected supervisor of the town. He was in active practice for half a century and was a gentleman of the old school, courteous and dignified in his manners, honorable and gentlemanly in his intercourse with his medical brethren. Douglas Ayres, M. D., was born at East Creek, August 20, 1842. His education was acquired at a select school at Greene, Chenango county, where he remained two years. He then became a student at the Fort Plain Seminary for two years and the next three years he attended the Fairfield Academy. He commenced the study of medicine with his father at Fort Plain, and in 1861 entered the Albany Medical College, from which he graduated in 1865. He commenced the practice of his profession the same year in Fort Plain, and in 1870 formed a partnership with his father, which continued until the death of the latter. He is a member of the American and New York State Medical Associations, and the Montgomery Medical Society, and has been president of the latter and first vice-president of the State Medical Association. He is a Democrat in politics.

Ashe, John E., Mohawk, Fonda p. o. (son of James), was born May 6, 1845, and was brought up in West Bloomfield. He attended the West Bloomfield Academy, and in 1866 graduated from Union College. He read law in Troy and in 1868 was admitted to the bar. In partnership with Monroe Cady he practiced two years in Owego. On account of ill health he gave up the practice of law, and was deputy clerk of the legislature. In 1872 he established the *Amsterdam Democrat*, which he edited until 1875, when he bought the *Mohawk Valley Democrat*, which he published and edited for seven years with ability and success, when he was appointed deputy superintendent of public works of the state of New York. In 1890 he engaged in business with James Shanahan. April 1, 1891, he joined the firm of Shanahan, Briggs & Co., as proprietors of the Cayadutta Mills at Fonda, which manufacture knit goods. May 29, 1878, Mr. Ashe married Catherine, daughter of James Shanahan. They have three children: Mary, James Shanahan and John Elmer. Mr. Ashe is a rare instance of the combination of law, journalism, public life and manufacturing interest, and is a popular man with all classes.

Barkley, William H., Amsterdam, p. o. Tribes Hill, was born at Burtonville, in the town of Charleston, January 20, 1864, a son of Charles J. and Harriet (Montayne) Barkley. His ancestry, on the father's side, was Scotch; on the mother's side, Highlanders. The grandfather (Henry Barkley) came to this country about 1780, and settled in Albany county, where seven children were born; Charles J. was next to the youngest. He was married in 1859, and was the father of eight children; seven are now living: Charles D. of Amsterdam; Emma (Mrs. Henry Snyder of Amsterdam); Frances (wife of Irving Haskins, of Schenectady); George A., who lives at Burtonville; Anna May, Elmer E., and our subject. William H. Barkley attended district school at home and helped on the farm until eighteen years of age, when he entered the Albany Normal School to prepare for a teacher, under Prof. E. P. Waterbury. After leaving there he accepted a call to Auriesville, where he taught two years and then came to Tribes Hill, where he taught four years. In 1891 he accepted a call to Fort Hunter to the great regret of his many friends in this place, but as he holds a state certificate, he is needed in the larger and more advanced schools. August 1, 1889, he married Margaret Van Antwerp, daughter of John H. and Jennie (Coyne) Van Antwerp of Fonda, and they have been blessed with one child, Schuyler V. A.

Bennett, William T., Amsterdam, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, May 29, 1853, and was educated in the high schools of Leicester; he is by occupation a dyer, and about 1880 he came to the United States, first locating at Utica, where he remained four years as the superintendent of the dyeing department of the Globe Woolen Mills. In 1884 he came to Amsterdam, where he commenced business on his own account. He has recently built a commodious brick building on West Main street suitable for his growing trade. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Royal Somerset Lodge in England, F. and A. M., is also a member of the Woodbine Lodge, No. 250, of Knights of Pythias, a member of the Kennyotto Tribe, No. 10, of Improved Order of Red men. He was elected alderman in 1889 for two years. March 20, 1874, he married L. Rebekah Perkins, of Somersetshire, England; they have two children, both sons: William P., born in Frome, Somersetshire, March 30, 1876, and Charles J., born February 9, 1878. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Amsterdam board of trade.

Blauvelt, G. Edwin, Amsterdam, p. o. Hagaman's Mills, was born in Paterson, N. J. November 19, 1844. He was a son of John I. and Ann (Berry) Blauvelt. John I., his father, was a son of John Joseph Blauvelt, who was born in New York in 1766, and was the father of seven children, of whom John I. was the oldest. He was born March 19, 1804, was married April 20, 1840, and had seven children, of whom four are living: William H., Martin, Anna M. (Walter), and G. Edwin, all residents of New York state. Our subject lived at home during his early life, being educated in the public schools, and a six years course in the High School at Paterson. In 1862 he went to Andover, N. J., where he was engaged as clerk in a general store four years, returning home for three years. In 1872 he came to Hagaman's Mills to act in the capacity of book-keeper in the Star Hosiery Mills, rising to the position of superintendent and remaining eighteen years. May 12, 1874, he married Catherine A. Terwilliger, daughter of Abram and Margaret E. (Pawling) Terwilliger of Hagaman's Mills. She was born June 22, 1842. A niece of Mrs. Blauvelt takes the place of children in their home, Jessie, who was born January 25, 1881, a daughter of Helen Palmateer, now deceased. In 1890 Mr. Blauvelt, with Austin and the Stairs brothers, built a knitting mill at Rockton, which they have since successfully conducted.

Breedon, William, Amsterdam, was born on the 23d of September, 1828, in Loughborough, England, and was educated there. He was apprenticed to the trade of machinist at Leicester for seven years, until he was twenty-one. He married Mary Shingler of Leicester, and in 1851 came to the United States and located at Waterbury, Conn. He worked in other places in first-class establishments as a knitter until 1864, when he came to Amsterdam and engaged in the manufacture of spring knitting needles. In 1877 he was elected member of the board of trustees for three years, and in 1891 was elected mayor of the city, and also re-elected in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Breedon have had six children, five daughters and one son: Sarah, who married Oscar K. Potter; Eliza E., who married William Crowell; Mary J., who married Charles E. Rivenburg; Lottie, who married Charles M. Morse; Albert W., who married Mary Norton, and Harriet L., who resides at home. In 1879 he took his son Albert W. into partnership, and the business is now conducted under the firm of William Breedon & Son.

Breedon, Albert W., Amsterdam, was born on the 20th of July, 1859, in Fitchburg, Mass., and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. By occupation he is a needle manufacturer, and is in partnership with his father, under the firm of William Breedon & Son. On the 12th of March he married Mary Norton, of Bennington, Vt. They have five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Robert, Albert W., jr., Renben, Mary and Lotta.

Brown, George, of Amsterdam, was born in 1801 in Rhode Island and came to Montgomery county when a young man, being a mason by trade. In 1842 he married Catherine Miller, born in Scranton December 25, 1811, but then living in Amsterdam, by whom he had seven children, three of whom are dead: Warner, who was in the late war and was killed November 4, 1862, at Snicker's Gap on the Blue Ridge between the Loudon and the Shenandoah valleys; Mary A., died January 6, 1889; and Free-

man, died April 11, 1874; Rachel A., who married Harvey Nestle, now residing at Delta, Oneida county; Harriet, who married Captain Abram V. Smith, who died May 10, 1889. In August, 1891, she married Daniel H. Davis and now resides at Dexter, Me.; Frances, who married John Campbell of Amsterdam; they have one son, Arthur J.; and George, who is in the employ of the government in Amsterdam, married Mrs. Belle Ilvison (Blanchard), formerly of Albany. Mr. Brown died November 14, 1861. Mrs. Brown's grandfather, Joshua Griffin, was a soldier in the revolutionary war and helped to build the historic forts in this valley.

Becker, Charles F., Amsterdam, was born in Prussia on the 21st of September, 1850, and came with his parents to this country when he was only seven. They located in Port Jackson, now the Fifth ward of this city, where he was educated. When he was very young his father died and he was thrown on his own resources. For a number of years he worked in the knitting mills in various positions, and is now on the police force of this city. On the 20th of September, 1880, he married Minnie, oldest daughter of Frederick and Anna La Baham. They had two children, a boy and a girl, namely: Louis F. and Anna M. Both died of diphtheria, one at the age of four and the other at the age of two.

Bunn, T. Romeyn, Amsterdam, was born on the 19th of December, 1844, in Amsterdam, at the old stone homestead, and is a graduate of Union College of the class of 1866. After his graduation from college he became a dry goods merchant and continued in that business until the death of his father, Thomas Bunn, in August, 1883, when he took charge of the estate, opening up and laying out into city lots beautiful property for which he found a ready demand. The rapid growth and increase in the valuation of his father's estate is largely due to his efforts. The enterprise he has shown in building a large number of houses and pushing forward improvements has led many others to buy and build homes for themselves. On the first of June, 1871, he married Kate R., the oldest and accomplished daughter of Judge Charles R. and Mary E. Ward Rhodes of Marietta, Ohio. Mary E. Ward Rhodes is a great-grandchild of General Artemas Ward of revolutionary fame. Mr. Bunn is the youngest elder of the Second Presbyterian church of this city. His father was born in the town of Amsterdam the 16th day of June, 1803, and married Elizabeth Button of the same place, formerly of New Jersey. They had ten children, seven daughters and three sons: Anna C., who married Dr. I. I. Buckbee of Fonda; Mary E., who lives in the old homestead (purchased from the heirs and remodeled for herself); Laura V., who married George Dean of Amsterdam; Harriet L., who married Rev. C. A. Conant of Bangor, Me.; Emily, who married Chandler P. Bartlett of this place; and John T., who married Elizabeth Runkle, both of whom are dead; Orville C., who died in Silver City, Nev.; also two daughters who died in infancy. The ancestry of the Bunn family is from Holland.

Benn, Israel P., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Windsor, Broome county, November 17, 1825, and was a son of Hugh I. and Ruth (Alden) Benn. He accompanied his parents to Fulton county in 1840, where he had the advantage of a good common school education. In 1844 Hugh, his father, died aged 65, leaving Israel to depend on himself. He engaged with Henry Pawling of Hagaman's Mills, and was

on the road selling cloths and buying wool at various times for about fifteen years. In 1863 he again joined Mr. Pawling, staying one year. In 1864 he started a general store in Hagaman's Mills, where Mr. F. Hagaman is now located, running it for about three years. He worked a farm for a year and a half when he again went into a store at the corner where Rubeck's harness shop is now, remaining there about twenty-two years. In June, 1886, his son built a store and hall on the main street, which his father now occupies as a general store and post-office, having been appointed July 1, 1889. May 5, 1846, he married Jane Bishop of Mayfield, by whom he is the father of three children: William J., born August 18, 1847; Frances E., born November 18, 1849; Charles L., born November 22, 1861, all of Amsterdam. Mr. Benn is still living at sixty-nine years of age.

Birch, James F., Amsterdam, was born in Greenbush, Rensselaer county, February 17, 1820, and was the son of George H. and Phoebe (Mitchell) Birch, who were the parents of fourteen children, of whom twelve reached manhood and six are yet living, viz.: Harriet Link of Rensselaer county, eighty-four years old; Frederick of Michigan, seventy-eight years old; George of Castleton, seventy-five years old; Caroline Defriest of Greenbush, sixty-eight years of age; and Henrietta Couse of Greenbush, fifty-six years old. James, the subject of our sketch, attended the public school and at the age of fifteen went to the Amsterdam Academy, his parents having moved thither in 1827. February 6, 1845, he married Hannah M. Clizbe, a daughter of Darius and Mary (Jones) Clizbe. Mr. Birch moved on the farm where he now lives immediately after his marriage, and has made a blooming garden of a former desolate wilderness. It was a farm of sixty-one acres, but in 1891 he sold Mr. Safford forty acres and built a fine residence, across the road from the old homestead, where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Birch are the parents of four children, of whom only two are now living: Charles E., born February 6, 1855, and Edward J., born August 4, 1860. Charles conducts a fruit farm near his father's residence and Edward a milk depot in Amsterdam.

Banta, Jacob B., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in the town of Perth September 4, 1804, and was a son of Barnard and Ellen (Van Epps) Banta, who came to Fulton county from Saratoga county before 1800. Jacob attended the village school and helped his father on the farm until he was twenty-nine years of age. After the death of his father he conducted the farm until 1843 when he moved into the town of Amsterdam, where he rented a farm for three years. In 1846 he bought 100 acres on Manny's road which he kept for forty-four years; he then moved into his fine village residence on Haskell street at Hagaman's Mills. March 7, 1839, he married Hannah M. Levitt, daughter of Sherwood Levitt of Perth. They were the parents of six children: Justus L., born April 28, 1843; Mary E., born March 26, 1846; Charles H., born October 14, 1849; Jane A., born April 20, 1853; George S., born July 23, 1857; and Clara A., born September 4, 1860. Mrs. Banta died January 26, 1892, aged seventy-three. Jacob Banta, the subject of this sketch, is one of the oldest residents of this town and some of his early recollections are important matters of history. He has been very prosperous during his life, which he owes only to

his own industry and good management. He has hosts of friends, for his genial disposition and pleasant manner make "Uncle Jake" the companion of old and young, and with his business friends in city and country he is very influential.

Bowman, John F., Florida, was born in the town of Glen on the 12th day of July, 1863. He was the youngest of five children of Frederick and Anna (Newman) Bowman. Frederick Bowman was born in Germany and came to this country about forty-eight years ago, settling in Glen some eight years after. He removed to Florida in 1867 where he has since been engaged in farming. John Bowman was married to Elizabeth Noeltner of Glen on the 21st day of September, 1887. They have one child, Eliza M. Bowman, born December 23, 1890.

Bush, Abraham, Minden, was born in Minden, January 1, 1852. His grandfather, Gotelieb Bush, was the son of George Bush, and he married Julianna Casler, by whom he had thirteen children, one of whom died in infancy. The children were as follows: Maria, who married John Walrath, and died at Boonville; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Lantner, and died at Fort Plain; Lydia, who married Henry Miller, and died in Otsego county; Margaret, who married Jacob Sitts, and died in Oneida county; Jacob died in Minden; Isaac died in the West; Adam resides in Fort Plain; Nancy, widow of John Ohver Diefendorf, lives in Fort Plain; Eve, married George Ehle, and died at Johnstown; Julianne, married Aaron Dillenback, and died in Dexter; and William, who died in infancy. Peter G., father of Abraham Bush, was born in Minden December 20, 1816, and died in that town August 2, 1887. He married Catherine, daughter of Abraham Diefendorf, and they had eight children: George Albert, James H., Adaline, wife of Rev. Byron Fiske of Fort Plain; Abraham, Elizabeth, wife of Charles Martin of Minden; Margaret, who died aged seven years; Charles Edward died aged fifteen months; and Emily, died aged five months. Abraham received the benefit of a common school education and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. A Republican in politics, he has been school trustee and tax collector in his district. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Smith, and they have two children: Howard S., and Edna.

Brookman, John I., Minden, was born in Minden, August 31, 1818, and received a district school education, and also spent one term at the Cherry Valley Academy. He was brought up on a farm, but at the age of eighteen commenced teaching school, which occupation he followed for seven years, having schools in Minden, St. Johnsburg, and three terms in Herkimer county. He then learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed in summer and taught school winters. This he followed until 1862, when he bought his present farm of seventy-six acres, which he has increased till now it comprises 200 acres. In politics a Republican, he has been town superintendent of schools, commissioner of schools, and supervisor several terms. He married Ann Lintner, and they had nine children, viz.: Marvin, died young; Reuben, died aged thirty years in Minden; Marvin and Martha (twins), the former residing in Minden; the latter is the wife of Philip J. Diefendorf of Canajoharie; Alice, wife of Erving Manclow of Johnstown; George W., married Emma Shanl, and has two children, Mabel and Lulu, and lives in Minden; Edgar and Edwin (twins), in Vermilion, S. D.; and Anna, who died in childhood.

Bauder Family The.—The first settler of this family was Uriel Bauder, who came from the valley of the Rhine. He settled in Minden, and purchased of Randolph Keeler and others a farm, part of which is now in possession of his grandson, Nathan Bauder, and which has always belonged to one who bore the name of Bauder. Uriel married Elizabeth Moyer, and had these children: Jacob, died in western New York; George U.; Adam, who died in Herkimer county; Uriel, died in Minden August 15, 1844, aged fifty-five years; Elizabeth, married John Peck, and died in western New York; and Mary, married John Moyer, and died in Minden. Uriel died in Minden July 16, 1831, aged eighty-four years, four months and four days. His wife died November 17, 1828, aged seventy-six years, five months and fourteen days. George U., of the above family, was born in Minden October 4, 1787, and married May 6, 1810, Peggy, daughter of Peter Dunckle. She was born October 5, 1789. The only issue of this marriage, Nancy, died in infancy. George U., married February 5, 1813, Maria, daughter of Peter Dunckle. She was born November 7, 1796. Their children were Levi, born January 3, 1815, died February 27, 1890, at New Orleans, La.; Peter, born December 15, 1818, resides in Rockford, Ill.; Ephraim, born April 10, 1823, died in infancy; Simeon, born August 25, 1825, died in Kansas in June, 1860; John G.; Margaret Ann, born September 25, 1830, married Jacob H. Moyer, and died in Minden May 10, 1862; Anna Elizabeth, born November 10, 1833, wife of Dr. A. S. Scovill of Morea, Saratoga county; George and Nathan. George U. came and lived on the farm now occupied by his son Nathan, which then consisted of 200 acres, and he felled the first tree on the farm. The present residence was built in 1806, previous to which there was a log house. The farm was very heavily wooded and contained the largest pine tree for miles around; it measured seven feet and four inches in diameter; about fifteen feet from the ground it formed two branches about twenty-five feet it became three, and about thirty-five feet four, all of large size; it made thirty-six logs, none less than ten feet in length and yielded 13,000 feet of lumber. George U. died June 23, 1869, and his wife January 15, 1888. John G. (son of George U.), was born in Minden August 15, 1827, and married Eliza, daughter of John Zoller. Of their six children, all but one (Frank W.) died in infancy. John G. was always engaged in farming, and held the office of secretary of the Farmers' Insurance Co., of Minden. He was a Democrat in politics, and died April 1, 1892. Frank W., son of John G., was born in Minden September 29, 1866, and married Meeta, daughter of Daniel A. Devoe of Canajoharie. They have one child, Harry D. Frank W. is a Democrat in politics and has been secretary of Montgomery County Council of Grangers for two years, and was for five years secretary of the Fort Plain Union Grange No. 515. George (son of George U.) was born in Minden August 13, 1836, and married October 22, 1858, Catherine, daughter of Andrew Yerdon. She was born in Minden November 16, 1838. They have two children, Lydia, wife of Alfred Moyer of Fort Plain, and Kate May, wife of James Lasher of Minden. Nathan, son of George U., was born in Minden June 9, 1839, and married Augusta, daughter of Dr. Solomon M. Sackrider. They have five children: Florilla May, wife of Joseph H. Smith of Fort Plain; Adelbert N., Ethel Nellie, and Victor S. (all residing at home), and Keith Ray, who died aged ten years. Mr. Bauder has always resided on his present farm, and is a Democrat in politics.

Brookman, John H., Minden, is the great-grandson of Godfrey, who married a Mrs. Anna Stover of New York, and had two children, a daughter, and a son named John. The latter married Nancy Sanders, and their children were: Nancy, who married Jacob Weiting; Lany, married John Dillenback; Deeny, married Charles Garlock; Elizabeth, married Peter Quackenbush; Mary, married Henry Dillenback; and John, the only son, who died in Minden in 1855, aged fifty-eight years. He married Mary Dillenback and their family was as follows: Ann Eliza, who married Charles Wagner; Catherine, lives in Cincinnati; Rachel Malinda, married Peter Wiles and died in Minden; Martin H., resides in Minden; Betsey Mariah, who is the widow of Henry Mathias and resides in Herkimer county; James Isaac, died in Minden; Almira, married Martin A. Pickard and died in Minden; Hannah Margaret, who married Isaac Dillenback and resides in Cortland county; and John H., the oldest of the above family, who was born in Minden October 21, 1817, and married, February 25, 1841, Nancy, daughter of Peter A. Casler. Their nine children are as follows: Henry, Chancey, died aged twenty-seven years; Mary C., wife of Solomon Dillenback of Minden; Helen Elizabeth, wife of Albert Diefendorf of Minden; Malvina, died aged two years; John Martin, married Catherine Smith and lives in Minden; Walter, died aged ten years; Ida Eliza, wife of William Dillenback of Minden; Edward, lives in Minden; and Viola May, wife of Frank E. Hufnail. John H. Brookman has fifteen grandchildren living and two deceased.

Baird, William Hoagland, Glen, was born in the town of Charleston, February 10, 1849. He was one of three children of William and Dorothy Malinda (Abel) Baird, the others being Mary Ellen (Mrs. J. H. Serviss) and Heppie A. (Mrs. M. Mount Shelp.) His father, William Baird, was born in Charleston, September 23, 1818, and was the son of Benjamin Baird, born October 11, 1786, and Eleanor (Miller) Baird, who was born May 4, 1798. His wife was Dorothy Malina Abel, daughter of Philip and Hepzibah (Conover) Abel, born May 10, 1816. William Hoagland Baird's great-grandfather, William Baird, came to Glen from New Jersey in 1796, having been born in that state September 22, 1742; his father (also named William Baird) was born February 24, 1704, and died in 1793. His ancestor emigrated from Scotland to New Jersey. William Hoagland Baird married, September 29, 1875, Miriam C., daughter of Stephen and Anna M. (Edwards) Ostrom of Glen, she being one of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Baird have two children, Nellie O., born October 29, 1877, and Benjamin H., born June 23, 1884. Mr. Baird served the town during two terms as supervisor.

Button, Benjamin F., Canajoharie, was born at Buel, July 2, 1824, and was a son of Thomas and Sally (Elmendorf) Button. Joseph, great-grandfather of Benjamin T., came to this country from England and landed at Plymouth Rock, afterwards settling at Canaan, Conn. He had three sons, Benjamin, Joseph and Shubal. Benjamin, the youngest child and grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut, January 1, 1759, and married there Clarissa Hamlin. They came to Buel in 1781, and had eleven children, eight of whom reached adult age. They were as follows: Chauncey, George, Benjamin, Thomas, Hamlin, Mathias, Laura and Maria. Thomas, fourth son, and father of our subject, was born at Buel, January 23, 1790, and on January 21, 1814, married Sally Elmendorf, daughter of Frederick Elmendorf of Ulster county. They

had twelve children, seven of whom reached adult age, but only two are now living: George W., a farmer in Schuyler county, born April 23, 1829; and Benjamin. The early life of the latter was spent at Buel. He was educated in the common schools and Ames Academy, and married, January 20, 1848, Catharine, daughter of John and Christiana (Smith) Phillips of Buel. They have had eleven children, five of whom survive: Monroe, a mechanic of Fort Plain; C. Ellsworth, principal of Angelica high school in Allegheny county; Emma, wife of Norman Folmsbee of Johnstown; John A., mechanic, of Johnstown; and Evander, a farmer living at home. Mrs. Catharine Phillips Button died November 9, 1877, and Mr. Button then married, March 19, 1882, Mary C., daughter of Jacob Young of Buel. Benjamin T. Button died September 29, 1892.

Bullock, Willis, Canajoharie, was born August 17, 1844, in the town of Canajoharie, about a mile south of the village, on the farm now occupied by Frederick Shinneman. He was a son of Hiram and Catharine (Seeber) Bullock. The earliest ancestor we can trace on the father's side is Reuben, grandfather of Willis, who was born in Columbia county. Tradition says that his father and two brothers came from England about the middle of the eighteenth century. One of these brothers settled in southwestern New York, one near Philadelphia, and the other—the great-grandfather of Willis—on the Hudson river near Kinderhook. Reuben Bullock was the father of sixteen children, six sons and ten daughters. One son survives, Lewis of Sharon Springs, who was born in 1897; Hiram, father of Willis, was the third son, born 1799, and followed farming all his life. In 1811 his father removed to Canajoharie, and at his death in 1842 Hiram succeeded to the farm, which he conducted until 1864. When forty-one he married Catharine, daughter of Johannes W. Seeber, who was a son of William H. Seeber of revolutionary fame. (See Seeber family history.) Hiram Bullock had four children, three of whom are living: Anna of Canajoharie; Charles, a railroad employee of Canajoharie; and Willis. The latter has always lived in this town, where he was educated at the academy, receiving a supplementary course at the Poughkeepsie Business College. In 1867 he engaged in the hay trade which he has since followed. He has been an active member of the Republican party, and has held the office of commissioner two terms; trustee of the village three years; president of the village one term, and for the last thirteen years has been a member of the board of education. In 1892 he founded the *Hay Trade Journal*, a novelty in the line of literature, devoted to the trade from which it derives its name, and its editor and proprietor, Willis Bullock, is known (by name at least) from Maine to San Francisco. Mr. Bullock married in 1875, Hettie B., daughter of Dr. Joseph Burbeck of Canajoharie, and they have two children, Willis, jr., and Dewitt.

Bellman, William W., Canajoharie, was born in Cherry Valley, April 4, 1853, and was the son of Christopher and Maria (McFee) Bellman. The grandfather of William W. (Martin) was born in Germany about 1810 and came to this country about 1850, locating in Wisconsin, where he died in 1880. He was the father of seven children, five of whom are living: John, the oldest, died in Minnesota; Martin, Henry, Roxanna, Catherine and Christopher, the father of our subject, who was born in Germany June 26, 1826, and came to this country a few years before his father, in June, 1844. He

first located in Canajoharie, where he remained a few years working at railroading, also on the plank road and farming until 1858, when he bought the farm where he now resides in Cherry Valley. In 1850 he married Marie McFee, a daughter of William and Catherine (Ough) McFee. They have had six children, three of whom are living: George C., a farmer in Canajoharie; Lewis E., who lives on the homestead; and William W., our subject, whose early life was spent in Cherry Valley. He was educated in the public schools and assisted his father on the farm, with the exception of one year when he worked for another farmer. On the 10th of November, 1880, he married Josie, a daughter of A. B. and Anna E. (Bowman) Miller of Ames. They have had four children, two of whom are living: Laura, died August 2, 1882, being four months old; Walter A. died March 8, 1888, being four and a half years old; of the two living, Bertha E. was born November 5, 1884, and Leo C. was born January 23, 1892. In 1883 Mr. Bellman bought the property known as the old Mereness farm, where he now resides.

Bellman, George C., Canajoharie, was born in the town of Cherry Valley about a mile from his present residence, September 4, 1857, and was the son of Christopher and Marie (McFee) Bellman. His early life was spent on the old homestead, where his parents moved when he was about a year old. He was educated in the public schools and at Fort Plain Seminary, and after leaving school he taught one year at St. Johns-ville. He also worked four years at carpenter work and then began farming, spending one year on Mr. Bowman's farm; but in 1879 he bought the farm which he now owns and which contains 100 acres. When Mr. Bellman bought the farm it had no buildings; he has added many improvements, among which being a fine residence built in 1880, and new out buildings erected in 1879. On the 17th of October, 1877, he was married to Lizzie M. Duesler, daughter of Harry and Artumitia (Hose) Duesler of St. Johns-ville. They have three children: Jennie E., born March 26, 1882; Florence C., born December 31, 1885; and Earl L., born February 5, 1888. Mr. Bellman is a Republican and has always taken an active interest in politics.

Betts, Philip, Canajoharie, was born in New York, June 3, 1845, and at the age of twelve began as delivery boy in a market, which was his starting point to learn the butcher's trade. In 1870 he came to Canajoharie, where he was engaged with Menzo Button in a market for a year and a half, when he bought out the business and has ever since conducted it on his own account. In 1884 Mr. Betts built on the corner of Mohawk and Church streets the fine brick block which he now occupies. This is one of the most sightly of Canajoharie's handsome buildings. In 1870 he married Ida Phillips, of Fort Plain, who died eighteen months later. He then married Helen Campbell, who lived but three years. His present wife is Nettie Blount, of Oswego county, by whom he has two daughters: Helena M. and Marion L. Mr. Betts owns a handsome residence, one of the finest in the town. He is a supporter and his family are members of the Canajoharie Dutch Reformed church.

Benton, Milton J., Canajoharie, was born in the town of Canajoharie near Ames, June 16, 1830, and was the son of Hylian and Cynthia (Hodge) Benton. His grandfather, Chandler Benton, was born in Massachusetts, and was the father of eleven chil-

dren. Hylan, who was the youngest, was born in 1799 and was a small child when his parents moved to Aimes. His father died when he was seven years old and he was put to work very early in life with Samuel Schuyler. In 1820 he was married to Cynthia Hodge of this town, and they were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living: Myra, wife of Daniel Seeber of Jamestown, Cal.; Keziah Curtis of Stockton, Cal., a widow; Byron of Rockwell, Iowa; Milton J.; Cynthia Stoddard of Merced, Cal. In 1849 his wife died and in the following year he married Mrs. Eve Flint, a widow, and they were the parents of three children, two of which are now living: Viona Lasher and Cherry. Milton J., our subject, has spent his whole life in this town with the exception of four years which he spent in California, where he tried mining and also conducted a saw-mill. Returned here in 1859 and bought a farm of sixty acres, the present residence of the family, to which he has added many improvements—a fine house and out-buildings, making it now, with the forty acres he has added to it, one of the best farms in the town. December 20, 1860, he married Asenath, daughter of Anthony and Eliza (Anthony) Walter of Waterford, and they are the parents of three children: Cynthia, born December 9, 1861; Walter, born February 17, 1865; Florence, born September 16, 1874. Mr. Benton has been for twenty years an active church worker, and is a steward of the M. E. Church at Canajoharie. He is a Republican in politics but not an office seeker.

Bauder, Irving, Root, was born in St. Johnsburg January 10, 1836, and is a son of Melchior L. and Sarah (Swackhamer) Bauder. His grandfather, Leonard Bauder, was born in Palatine, and was a farmer and a Democrat in politics. He died in St. Johnsburg at the age of eighty-six, having been in the war of 1812. He was a pensioner of the war, and had served at Sackets Harbor. He was twice married and had by his first wife three sons and six daughters. His second wife was Eve Zimmerman by whom he had no children. Irving is the only one of his father's children living. He received a common school education, and at the age of twenty began for himself on his father's farm. In 1862 he went to St. Johnsburg and worked a small farm, until about 1866, when he located on his present farm of 160 acres. Mr. Bauder has made his own way in life, and is a Democrat in politics. In August, 1856, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Dysslin) Nellis of St. Johnsburg (her grandfather being the Rev. John H. Dysslin), and they have six children: John N., Charles M., who died aged twelve; Mary E., wife of Charles Brown; Katie C., wife of John McNeill; Emma S., wife of Grant Brown; Irving H. Mr. Bauder and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Bonesteel, A. I., Root, a son of Henry and Mary A. (Hill) Bonesteel, was born in Rensselaer county, March 26, 1844, and received a district school education. He is an active Republican, and unmarried and resides on the farm which his father bought in 1872 in Montgomery county. His grandfather, Lodowich, came from Germany and settled in Rensselaer county, where he reared one daughter and eight sons, two of whom served in the war of 1812. The father of our subject was born in Rensselaer county in October, 1803. He was three times married, first to Ann Enos. His second wife was the mother of A. I. and James H. Bonesteel. She died in 1853, and he married, third, Louisa Burdick, by whom he had one daughter, Carrie. He died October 3,

1882, and his wife survives him. The mother of A. I. Bonesteel was born in Rensselaer county. Her father was of Scotch descent, and served in the revolutionary war.

Bellinger, William, Canajoharie, was born on the 19th of December, 1846, in Root, and is a son of William I. and Eliza (Putman) Bellinger, both of Dutch ancestry and natives of Montgomery county. The father was born on the 6th of December, 1806, at Spraker's Basin, and is remembered as an upright and honorable man; his great-grandfather, William Bellinger, emigrated with the Palatines from the banks of the Rhine. William I. was a colonel of militia and had command of the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth regiment of state militia. He was supervisor of the town of Bleecker, Fulton county, for a number of years. He died on the 17th of February, 1872. William Bellinger was brought up on a farm and followed agriculture for several years; he still owns the old homestead, a fine farm of ninety acres, in the town of Root. In 1837 he engaged in the insurance business with Maj. A. V. Davis, and in the year 1890 with A. G. Richmond, under the firm of Richmond & Bellinger. On the 19th of January, 1876, he married Anna V., daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Vischer) Garlock. She is a great-granddaughter of Colonel Vischer (or Fisher), first judge of Montgomery county, and colonel of the Tryon county regiment at the battle of Oriskany. Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger have two children, Florence V. and Elijah W. Mr. Bellinger is a Republican in politics, has been justice of the peace, is a notary public and a Mason.

Conover, Seely, Amsterdam, was born at Shufty's Corners in the town of Leray, Jefferson county, February 20, 1841, and came with his parents to Charleston when five years old. He was educated in the public school, and from 1861 to 1862 taught school. August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifteenth New York State Volunteers, and participated in the following battles: Harper's Ferry, Bermuda Hundred, Old Church, Drury's Bluff, Proctor's Creek, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, trenches before Petersburg, Mine Explosion and Deep Bottom, where he was wounded in the left shoulder, the ball passing upward and lodging in his neck. This took place August 16, 1864, at which time he was captured and taken to the prison hospital at Richmond. After six days he was paroled and sent to the Naval School Hospital at Annapolis, where he remained four weeks; he was then granted a home furlough for two months, after which he returned to the Naval School, where the bullet was extracted from his neck, and he still has it in his possession. In March, 1865, he rejoined his regiment in North Carolina, on its march to join General Sherman's army, which they met at Goldsboro, and were mustered out of service at Raleigh on June 17, 1865, and honorably discharged at Albany, July 3, 1865. After being discharged he continued his studies at Whitestown Seminary, from which institution he graduated; he then taught school eight years and was school commissioner of Montgomery county three years. In the spring of 1879 he taught the spring term in Amsterdam Academy, and after this he bought the book and stationery business from Marcus Gardner, and formed a partnership known as Conover & Kline, which lasted for six months; at this time Robert P. Orr bought the interest of Kline and the store was conducted under the firm of Conover & Orr seven years, since which time the business has been conducted by Mr. Conover alone. Mr. Conover was a member of the board of education eight years, supervisor of the first ward two years, is a member of the E. S. Young Post No. 33

G. A. R., department of New York, is treasurer and one of the trustees of the First Baptist church. August 16, 1871, he married Sarah, third daughter of Hosea and Phiebe (Wands) Davis of Charleston, who was at one time his assistant teacher. They have six children, three sons and three daughters: Donald D., Mabel, Blanche, Leah, Maurice W., and Kenneth P. The ancestry of the paternal side is Dutch and Scotch, and the maternal side, Welsh. He is one of the trustees of the Savings bank, and a member of the finance committee.

Cooling, Miles, Amsterdam, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, September 4, 1858, but at the age of eleven he came with his parents to this country and located at Amsterdam on the 1st of May, 1871. He first worked in Sanford & Son's carpet factory, but in 1873 he entered the boot and shoe store of his cousin, John Kavanagh, on East Main street. In February, 1885, Mr. Kavanagh retired from the concern and Mr. Cooling succeeded him and still continues the business. In religion he is a Roman Catholic, being one of the leading members of St. Mary's congregation, besides many other organizations; he is financial secretary of branch No. 110 of C. M. B. A., trustee of the Olympus Club, and one of the founders of the Catholic Union. In politics Mr. Cooling is a Democrat, being well known in the councils of his party; he is a fine conversationalist and an easy writer, contributing frequently to the public press. In April, 1892, he was elected water commissioner for three years, is now president of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association. October 26, 1892, he married Catherine F., third daughter of Thomas and Catherine Carr of this city. Mr. Cooling's father has been dead twelve years; his mother is still residing in this city.

Clark, Augustus, General, Amsterdam, was born in Broadalbin, on the 16th of April, 1820, and was educated in the public schools until he came to Hagaman's Mills to reside. He was a clerk in a general store until 1836, but in 1838 he came to Amsterdam where he was a clerk in a general store and also book-keeper for two years for John Sanford. In 1840 he became a member of the firm under the name of Sanford & Clark, which continued four years and then expired by limitation. On the 7th of September, 1842, he married Lydia A., third daughter of Welcome and Susan Cole Chase of Amsterdam. They have one son (Arthur T.) born February 15, 1855. The ancestors on his side are English, French and Irish and on Mrs. Clark's side English. General Clark received his commission as general of militia from the governor of this state.

Clark, Walter S., Amsterdam, was born on the 31st of August, 1855, in Amsterdam, and was educated in the common schools and Amsterdam Academy. On the 2d day of October, 1876, he married Jennie, youngest daughter of Col. John and Maria McDonald of this city. They had two boys, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Clark died on the 23d of February, 1887. Mr. Clark's father, John M., was born on the 24th of September, 1809, in the town of Perth. In the year 1836 he married Mary Creighton of the same town, by whom he had nine children. The ancestry of the family is Scotch.

Cross, William E., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam, March 15, 1862, and was educated in the public schools. After leaving school he learned the jewelry business, and in 1890 he started in business on his own account. On December 29, 1886, he married Anna M., only daughter of Cady H. and Mattie L. Van Vorst of Schenectady, and

they have one child (C. Hollister) born November 15, 1890. Mr. Cross's father (George H.) was born in Fultonville in 1840. He was a carpenter and contractor, and married Sarah E. Parker of Amsterdam. They have four children: William W., George H., jr., Ameal M. and Harry S. George H. Cross enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-Fifth New York Volunteers and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. William E. is a member of W. E. Cross Camp, No 154; this camp was named after him and it was organized December 16, 1890. Mr. Cross is past chaplain of the camp. He is also member of the Knights of Pythias, Chuctenunda Lodge, No. 100, also of the Kennyetto Tribe of Improved Order of Red Men, 110, also of the Amsterdam Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Amsterdam Lodge of B. P. O. E. and of J. D. Service Steamer Company, No. 1.

Cleveland, Ferrand H., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Summit, Schoharie county, April 26, 1840. He received an academic education and entered Rutgers College, but before graduating he enlisted, March 29, 1864 in Company G, Third New York Cavalry. He was wounded in a skirmish at Chula Station, Va. May 14; and July 11, 1864, being then attached to the staff of Gen. A. V. Kautz, commanding cavalry, Army of the James, he was severely injured while carrying dispatches and honorably discharged on account of such injuries in September, 1865. After the war he went to Chicago, but in 1872 located in Schenevus, Otsego county, where he conducted a boot and shoe store and insurance office. In April, 1886, he was located at Amsterdam by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York as district agent. October 19, 1870, he married Lydia E., youngest daughter of Amasa and Sarah C. Dingman of his native town; they have two children, a daughter, Genevieve, and son, Henry B. Mr. Cleveland's father, Henry A., who was born in Charlottesville, December 18, 1810, was a blacksmith and a farmer. He married Bethiah Decker of the same town, by whom he had three children. Mr. Cleveland's great-grandfather, David Galusha, was a sergeant in the revolutionary war and served under La Fayette; his wife's grandfather, William Clement, was one of the famous "Boston Tea Party." He also marched with Arnold to Quebec, but escaped when Montgomery fell, and having returned, he served throughout the war. Mr. Cleveland's mother's father (Peter Decker) was in the war of 1812, and his grandfather, Asa Cleveland, was also a soldier in the same war. The genealogy of his father's family he traces to the fourteenth century—1356—and his mother is a descendent of Rev. John Young, first pastor at East Hampton, Long Island.

Clizbe, Marcus W., Amsterdam p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam on the site of Rockton May 15, 1814, and was the son of Darius and Mary (Jones) Clizbe. Darius, father of our subject, came from near Newark, N. J., with his parents, Joseph and Hannah (Roberts) Clizbe, in 1798 when Darius was nine years old. Joseph Clizbe, grandfather of Marcus W., was born June 27, 1756, and served in the war of the revolution. He was the father of seven children, Darius being the fourth. Darius was born November 8, 1786, and he also was a soldier, serving in the war of 1812. He was the father of seven children. Three died during childhood and the names of the others were Marcus W., Hannah M. (Mrs. James Birch), William, Louisa J. (Mrs. Alexander Scott), Charlotte, Samuel J. Marcus W., our subject, has always lived on the Clizbe farm, formerly called the Kennedy farm, where he now resides. He was educated at

the district school at Manny's Corners, and at Amsterdam at a select school kept by Horace Sprague. December 10, 1844, he married Emily Van Dyke, daughter of John and Rebecca (Morse) Van Dyke of Amsterdam, who came to this county from Albany county in 1825. Their union has been blessed with four children: Charlotte, born September 19, 1846; Gertrude, wife of John C. Chalmers of Ann Arbor, Mich., born December 5, 1850; Mary, born April 28, 1853; William, born November 19, 1859.

Cole, Jacob, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in the town of Broadalbin, December 21, 1820. He was the son of Jacob and Laney (Carncross) Cole. Jacob Cole was a son of Isaac who came from Holland about the time of the revolution, and settled at Broadalbin when this section was only a wilderness. He bought 160 acres of land which he cleared off for a farm, and kept until just previous to his death, selling it and buying another small place of ten acres, where he died May 20, 1853. Jacob was educated in the common school's and lived with his parents until 1840, when he went to the town of Florida, where he worked until 1852. On October 18, 1855, he married Sarah Fonda of Amsterdam; they are the parents of six children, five of whom are living: Hattie, now Mrs. McLaughlin of Utica, born July 5, 1856; Charles C. of Hagaman's Mills, born March 16, 1858; Marilla, now Mrs. John Stewart, born October 19, 1862; John, born June 8, 1863; and Shuler, born August 5, 1868. Mr. Cole is quite an able man, though past seventy years, and his wife is still living to comfort him in his declining years. His son Charles has been unfortunate, having lost his wife, Ella Sowles, who died January 20, 1892, leaving one child, Clarence Earl, who is eight years old. Shuler married Lizzie Sanders of Manny's Corners.

Collins, Stephen, Amstsrدام p. o., born in Limerick, Jefferson county, August 13, 1844, and is the son of John S. and Mary (Nott) Collins. His early life was spent at home and he attended the district school during the winter terms, between the age of ten and nineteen, when he went as a partner with his brother Tunis in running a threshing machine for two years, when he bought the "Elmwood farm," then known as the Jackson farm. He has lived on this place ever since and has built the finest farm house in the town, also new out-buildings and fences, and made many improvements which beautify and benefit the property. In 1874 they lost about \$1,200 worth of stock by disease, which was a severe disaster to Stephen in his struggle for a home. December 11, 1866, he married Martha L. Shedd of Jefferson county, sister of Mrs. Tunis Collins. An adopted son of twelve years fills the place of children, as they have none of their own, and took him when he was but three years old. In 1888 Stephen, our subject, was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of supervisor, and made a marked success as such, winning a case for "equalization of taxes" against the county.

Candee, John W., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Hagaman's Mills October 16, 1847, and is a son of Leander and Maria (Palmateer) Candee. Leander N. Candee was a son of David W. and Elizabeth (Ostrom) Candee. John W., our subject, lived at home during childhood, attending the public school at Hagaman's Mills until he was eighteen years of age, and then took a course of instruction of his uncle, Peter Smeallie, of the Andes Collegiate Institute. After leaving that insti-

tution he attended Ames's Commercial school at Syracuse for about six months. He then followed the carpenter's trade for six years, and on August 16, 1871, he married Nellie M. Nason, daughter of William Nason of Glens Falls. In 1883 he engaged with William M. Pawling of the Anchor Hosiery Mill, as bookkeeper and clerk, which position he still holds. Mr. Candee lives on the old homestead where he was born. Mr. and Mrs. Candee are the parents of two children: Mabel N., born July 30, 1877, and Anna M., born February 26, 1881.

Chapman, Reuben, Amsterdam p. o., was born in Albany, May 7, 1825, and is a son of Reuben and Hannah (Zeraner) Chapman. Reuben, the father of our subject, was born in East Haddam, Conn., August 2, 1778, and came to Albany about 1805, where he conducted a flour and feed store until 1828, when he came to the town of Amsterdam and bought the farm of 152 acres where Nelson Scott now lives. Reuben, our subject, attended the district school until he was sixteen, when he joined his father in working the farm. January 17, 1855, he married Sarah E. Bell, daughter of Andrew and Anne (McClellan) Bell. January 12, 1866, eleven years after marriage, she died, leaving one child, Jane Anna, now Mrs. Charles Birch, of Amsterdam, born April 29, 1858. In 1855 Mr. Chapman bought the farm of 100 acres known as the "Stewart farm," where he has since resided. March 12, 1867, he married Henrietta (Gunsalus) Hill, daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Valinda) Hill.

Collins, Charles E., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam April 11, 1848, and is a son of Stephen H. and Esther (Riggs) Collins. Stephen H. Collins was born in Amsterdam April 20, 1814, and was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Silkman) Collins. Joseph came from Connecticut to Greene county previous to 1800. He came to Amsterdam in 1812 and settled at the place where Harrower's mills now stand, where he died in 1866, aged eighty-six years. He was the father of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew up and were married, and eleven of whom left descendants. Charles E., the subject of our sketch, was one of a family of ten, seven boys and three girls. His early life was spent at home where his father now lives. He was educated in the district school and Amsterdam Academy. At the age of thirty he was married to Sarah Cole, daughter of Lewis and Angeline (Ruggles) Cole, March 5, 1879, and moved on the farm where he now lives. She died July 26, 1886, leaving three children: Francis L., born September 13, 1881; Mabel E., born April 5, 1884; and Sadie L., born July 12, 1886. He is one of the charter members of Amsterdam Grange, No. 705, P. of H.; also a member of Artisan Lodge, No. 84, F. and A. M.; also Amsterdam Chapter, No. 81, R. A. M., and St. George's Commandery, No. 37, K. T.

Charlesworth Family, The.—John Miles Charlesworth, the first of the name to locate in Minden, was by birth an Englishman. He came to this country with his parents, previous to the revolution. While in New York he enlisted in the American army, and after the close of the war he settled near Fort Plain and was engaged in farming. He married Margaret, daughter of John Lipe and they had eight children, all of whom lived to a ripe old age, there being four sons and four daughters. Mary and Margaret were the two oldest. Mary married a Reese, and Margaret a Hawn, moving to the state of Ohio. John and Daniel were next. John married Nancy, daughter of Esquire

Youngs of Fort Plain, and moved to Steuben county, where he was a well-to-do farmer and raised a large family of sons and daughters. Daniel married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Devendorf of Minden, and they had nine children, eight of whom are still living. He moved from Fort Plain to St. Lawrence county in 1843, where he resided until his death in 1884, being then ninety-two years old. He was a lifelong farmer, and left four daughters and two sons living in Ogdensburg. Charles, the eldest of the family, resides in Minden, and Josiah (the next younger) is in California. Next we mention Elizabeth and Catharine Charlesworth. Elizabeth married Isaac Carncross. Catharine's first husband being William Getman, who lived and died in Fort Plain; her second husband, Horace Thayer, also lived and died in the same place. They had one daughter, Maggie Thayer, who married Guilford Hawn, and who still resides in her beautiful residence at Fort Plain, where her mother also passed almost her entire lifetime. Clark and David were the two younger of the family. Clark married Nancy, only daughter of John C. Lipe of Palatine. He was a merchant and musician for many years at Fort Plain, but finally moved with his entire family to Avoca, Steuben county, where he pursued farming until his death. David was for many years a furniture dealer at Fort Plain; he moved to Albany and was engaged in the grocery business until he died. Charles, the eldest of Daniel Charlesworth's family, was born in Minden September 16, 1822, and married Eliza Seeber, daughter of John W. Seeber of Canajoharie. They have two children, Roselle and John. Roselle married Ellen Devendorf, daughter of John Devendorf, of Minden; they have one daughter, Lizzie M. Charlesworth. John married Celestia Steenberg, daughter of Aaron Steenberg of Minden, and they have two children, Stanton and Eva Charlesworth. Charles, as well as his sons, is engaged in farming. They are in politics all Democrats.

Cassidy, David D., Amsterdam, was born on the 6th of April, 1827, and was educated in the district schools and the Poughkeepsie Collegiate school. From 1844 until 1849 he was clerk in a dry goods house, but in 1849 he entered the Farmers' National bank, first as a clerk and afterwards book-keeper, then teller, assistant cashier, and finally cashier. The latter position he held for thirty years, during which the bank was remarkably successful. Mr. Cassidy, indeed, has won a high reputation as a financier, and has also been very successful in other business. He is a large real estate owner, and the Cassidy building on East Main street, consisting of stores and flats, not only shows good taste and judgment, but is a valuable addition to Amsterdam's business architecture. When Mr. Cassidy resigned his position in the bank to attend to his own private affairs, a general regret was expressed in the community, but has still continued in public service, being a trustee of the Amsterdam Academy, and also treasurer and director of the Chuetenunda Gas Light Company. On the 17th of April, 1866, he married Mrs. Catharine M. Efner, second daughter of Peter H. Clute of Rochester, and they have two children, a daughter (Belle) and a son (David D., jr.), who is a student in Harvard college. Mr. Cassidy's father was born in the year 1796, and married Catherine Wemple of the town of Florida, by whom he had three children, two of whom died in infancy, and David D., the subject of this brief and imperfect sketch.

Putman, W. Brower, Mohawk, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in the town of Johnstown, June 5, 1829, and is a descendant of Victor Putman, who held the grant for the mile square of land in the town of Amsterdam. Mr. Putman's boyhood was spent with his parents. He attended the village schools and assisted on the farm until 1853, when he hired a farm in Amsterdam and conducted it three years. He then moved to the town of Mohawk, and in 1872 bought the farm which he now occupies and which contains seventy-five acres. He has greatly improved the place during the twenty years of his ownership, and has built a very fine house, also new barns and other outbuildings, rendering it double in value since he made the purchase. March 4, 1853, he married Mary E. German of Schoharie, and they are the parents of six children: Henry of Johnstown; Alvin of Tribes Hill; Ira of Mayfield; Emory of Fultonville; Adelbert of Mayfield, and William, who lives at home. Mr. Putman has always been interested in politics, but never an office seeker. His ambition has been to reach the point where he now stands as a successful farmer; one characterized by industry and good management, elements which are so essential to those who cultivate the soil.

Bowers, William, Mohawk, was born in Newark, N. J., January 1, 1842, his parents having come from Hanover (Germany) the previous year; but they soon moved to Montgomery county. He had three brothers, Charles, Henry and Albert, who reside in Fulton county. William worked at farming as soon as he was large enough, and in 1863 enlisted in the Twentieth New York cavalry, Company I, and served until the close of the war. At Suffolk, Va., he was thrown from his horse and had three ribs broken. He received an honorable discharge, being mustered out in August, 1865. He is a member of Vandever Post No. 57, G. A. R. In 1868 he married Mary Comer and settled on the farm where he has since resided. He has had four children: George, Minnie (died October 4, 1871), John and Gertrude. Mr. Bowers was in the hospital at Norfolk eight months. He was a corporal, and his last battle was at Fort Fisher, Michael Comer, father of Mrs. Bowers, was born in Ireland, and came to this country in 1846, making Fonda his residence until his death in 1869. He married Bridget Glynn, who survives him in Fonda. Mr. Bowers has a fine farm, and also a valuable sulphur spring, the only one in the town, which will yet become a health resort.

Burke, John Davis, Fort Plain, was born in Glen and was the oldest son in the family of eight children of John and Charlotte (Ver Meter) Burke. His father was a tanner and currier. Our subject obtained only a common school education. At the age of fifteen he was apprenticed to James Halliday, carriage maker in Caughnawaga. After serving his time he went to Albany and was employed in the well-known Gould shop. April 1, 1831, he went to Minaville and opened a carriage shop on his own account, but it was destroyed by fire in 1833, and on May 3 of that year he came to Fort Plain and commenced carriage building which he continued till his death, November 8, 1891. He employed from fifteen to twenty men and manufactured a general line of carriages, sleighs and plows, dealing only in his own productions. In politics he was a Democrat and filled various village offices. He married Miss Cornelius Hopkins, and of their five children but one lived to mature age—Helen B., widow of William Evans. She resides in Fort Plain, N. Y.

Berry, Darius V., Mohawk, son of Henry V. and Hannah (Van Antwerp) Berry, was born in Johnstown (then Moutgomery county), October 1, 1822. His father, Henry V., who was of Irish parentage, was born in 1787, and lived and died a farmer in the town of Mohawk. In 1816 he was commissioned a justice of the peace, and in 1835 was elected to the Assembly. It was during his term that the county seat was removed from Johnstown to Fonda. He was a Democrat and a Union man during the late war. He died in 1871 and his wife in 1872, aged eighty-three years. They had five children, four sons and one daughter: Maria Dockstader; John V., attorney, who died July 3, 1853, in Marysville, Cal.; George W., a farmer, who died March 14, 1887, in Mohawk; Darius V., and also Henry F., who died at the age of thirty. Darius V. Berry was educated at the common schools and also at Ames Academy, which then was a flourishing institution. In the fall of 1843, with Matthew Freeman, he purchased the *Fonda Herald*, named it the *Fonda Sentinel* and edited it until 1846, when he was appointed postmaster of Fonda. In the spring of 1847 he moved to Canajoharie and engaged in the mercantile business until 1850, but the next year he returned to Fonda, and entered the county clerk's office. On the 1st of January, 1853, he was appointed deputy county clerk, a position which he held until 1856, when he was elected county clerk. This office he held for three terms and was highly popular from his courtesy as well as knowledge of the public records. In 1865 he engaged in milling and farming at Berrysville until 1875, when he was appointed postmaster at Fonda, retaining the office until 1888. Mr. Berry's expert management of the post-office was universally appreciated. He was clerk of the board of supervisors in 1850, and held that office three years. He was elected a member of assembly in 1868, and justice of the peace in 1891. He was also deputy county clerk from January 1, 1889, to February, 1892, having served over seventeen years in the county clerk's office. Mr. Berry has won a high position as both faithful and successful in public life. He married Charlotte, daughter of Simon D. Kittle, March 12, 1844. She died in 1878, leaving two children: John D. of Columbus, O., and Simon D., who did good service during the rebellion as a member of the Third Cavalry, and who died aged thirty-three, leaving three sons and one daughter. Mr. Berry is a Mason.

Bulger Family, The.—John Bulger was born near Ballangary, county Tipperary, Ireland, August 15, 1833. He came to America in 1850, and after staying one year in New Jersey came to Minden. He married Betsey Pickard, and they have five children: R. Simon, Margaret E., wife of Nicholas Stoner of Springfield Center; John J., resides in Minden; Barbara Ann, wife of D. B. Ellis of Johnstown; and Charles D., who resides in Minden. R. Simon, the eldest of the above children, was born in Stark, Herkimer county, March 13, 1853, and married Katie, daughter of the late Josiah Geesler. They have five children, viz.: Earl Jay, Pearl May, John Ray, Glen W., and Edna L., the two oldest being twins. He has taught the winter terms of school since 1872, and some summer terms in Montgomery and Herkimer counties. He is a Democrat in politics, and was twice elected justice of the peace, and also supervisor of Minden in 1891-92.

Bush, George Albert, Minden, the oldest son of Peter G. Bush and Catherine Diefendorf, his wife, was born in Minden, September 22, 1844. Receiving but a com-

mon school education, he worked on his father's farm and came in the spring of 1858 with him on his present farm of 100 acres, on the Cherry Valley Turnpike in the town of Minden. In politics a Republican, he has never sought public office.

Henry S. Bragdon was born in Sullivan, Hancock county, Me., January 28, 1815, and was the son of Jonathan and Mary (Welch) Bragdon. His early life was spent in his native town, where he learned the trade of stone cutter. He left when about twenty years of age to go to Portland where he cut stone for two years, losing all that he earned during that time by the failure of his employer. He then came to New York where he remained but a short time, cutting stone used in the construction of Trinity church. He came to Tribes Hill and thence to Canajoharie, where he followed his trade a few years, and then opened a dry goods store. He was very fortunate in having a large quantity of goods at the breaking out of the war, and on them he made large profits. In politics Mr. Bragdon is a staunch Republican, and was always ready to assist in public matters whenever called upon. While in mercantile life he conducted business on the cash principle, and so also with his expenditures, and it was his pride to be considered an honest man, a title which he truly deserved, using his Bible as a guide through life, and always living up to the golden rule, to "Do unto others as ye would have others do unto you." Henry S. Bragdon had great nerve and courage, and also a sense of the humorous, which cheered his darkest hours. His nerve was displayed in the water works difficulties in this village a few years ago, when he generously risked his money and sustained the effort. All who knew him found him a true friend in adversity. He retired from business in 1879, and was thenceforth engaged in the care of his estate and was for many years a director of the Canajoharie Bank. He will be remembered in this vicinity not only as a successful merchant, but also as a kind and unostentatious member of society. At his death, which occurred June 19, 1892, the village lost one of its most honored citizens. He was married in 1847 to Maria Fox, daughter of Charles Fox of Fort Plain. Their children who survived them were Winfield S. of Johnstown, James F. of Schenectady, and Mary A., wife of Harry A. Swartfigner of Canajoharie.

Boyd, Rev. John Campbell, Mohawk, is the son of the late Dr. James P. and Mary A. Boyd, and was born in Albany March 2, 1836. His father was not only an eminent physician, but a man of earnest piety and long a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Boyd was graduated from Albany Academy in 1853, and from Princeton College in 1855, and his rank is shown not only by the degree of B. A. and M. A., but also by the fact that he was valedictorian of his class, an honor only conferred on the most finished scholar. He then began legal studies in New York with Judge Van Vorst, and was admitted to the bar in 1857. But his attention was led to the ministry, and he eventually entered Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1863. He was one year in charge of a mission church, but in 1865 accepted a call to the Reformed church of Fonda, which then was in a very feeble condition. During his pastorate the congregation improved, and the church was removed to its present location and enlarged. After five years of labor he was obliged by ill health to resign, but later on was invited to Valatie, Columbia county, where he held a pastoral charge for six years. In 1878 he was called to Kingsboro where he labored until 1883, when he returned to Fonda and

took charge of the churches at Auriesville and Sammons ville, but resigned the latter on the 1st of January, 1892. His first wife was Clarissa Schuyler, daughter of the late George Schuyler of Fonda, but she was soon removed by death, and on August 28, 1873, he married Clara, daughter of Isaac M. Davis, of Fonda long known as a successful merchant. During his residence in Fonda, Pastor Boyd has taken deep interest in the public schools, and has been a member of the Board of Education since 1888, doing valuable service in this important field of duty. As a preacher he is noted for sound doctrine and easy delivery. He has always been a student, and next to theology has been a deep historical reader, to which has been added the advantages of a tour through Great Britain and the continent, including a visit to the famed city of Rome. Pastor Boyd has two sons whom he has carefully educated and who give promise to future usefulness.

Billington, Thomas M., Amsterdam, was born in Fonda October 19, 1846, and was educated in the common schools. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Oil City, but was burnt out in the great fire which destroyed more than half that place. Alfred Wright, who was also burnt out at the same time, starting afterwards in business in Rochester, Mr. Billington became his traveling agent. He was sixteen years with Mr. Wright and ten years with Adolph Spiehler, both of Rochester. Mr. Billington, on December 12, 1867, married Abby P., daughter of Dr. Anderson of the town of Northampton, Fulton county, by whom he had three children, one son and two daughters: Harry, who married Mary Fosmire of this city; Etta G., died at the age of fourteen years; and Laura, who married Lee S. Anibal of Northville. June 8, 1885, he married Harriet L., youngest daughter of Dr. William H. Johnson of Jonhstown; they have had two children, both boys, one of whom died in infancy, and Louis Johnson, who was born May 1, 1887. Mr. Billington's father, Henry, was born in Stone Arabia and married Minerva, daughter of John H. Morrell of Fonda. They had seven children, six of whom are living. His father enlisted in Company I, 115th N. Y. Volunteers, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg in 1863.

Crouse Family, The—The first settler of this family in Central New York was Jacob Krauss, a German, who came to this country early in the eighteenth century. He married, June 24, 1724, Catharine Elizabeth Nellis, who died March 30, 1754, and he died March 29, 1778. Their children were John Jacob, born June 6, 1725; Maria Elizabeth, born September 21, 1728; Maria Margaretha, born September 15, 1731; John George, born October 21, 1733; Robert, born December 25, 1736, and died in the war of the revolution; George, born August 5, 1740; Catharina, born March 28, 1744; and Anna, born December 14, 1746. All these children are supposed to have been born in Minden. George Krauss, who afterwards spelt his name Crous, married, May 21, 1765, Catharine Grausen. Their children were: Jacob, from whom the Syracuse family is descended; George, who died in Avon; Robert, who died in Minden; Henry; Catharine, who married George H. Nellis; and Maria, who married Hiram Vedder. George, died September 28, 1824. Henry of the above family was born in Minden January 11, 1787, and married, February 16, 1812, Caty, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Sanders. Their children were Oliver, born September 10, 1812, died at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Catharine, born March 9, 1844, married James Genter; William; George, born

March 28, 1817, died unmarried at Fort Plain; Henry Sanders; Jacob, born September 17, 1820, died in Iowa; Elizabeth died young; Jeremiah, died aged twenty-three; Maria, died in infancy; Samuel, born January 2, 1827, died unmarried in Fort Plain; Simeon, born October 24, 1828, a physician, died in Warren, Herkimer county; Menzo, born March 20, 1831, unmarried, resides in Fort Plain. The latter and Henry S. are the only male descendants living of Henry Crouse,\* who died February 14, 1864. His wife died April 28, 1860. William, of the above family, was born in Minden October 19, 1815. His father owned the farm on which a part of Fort Plain is located. He left home at the age of thirteen years, and from that time until he was twenty he was employed in a dry goods store in Canajoharie. Then, with his brother George, he engaged in the same business in Fort Plain, but finally sold his interest to his brother, and formed a partnership with Solomon Kellar at Starkville, where he continued three years. He then went into business with his brother Oliver at Springfield, but three years later dissolved partnership and for the next ten years carried on business for himself in Warren. He then returned to his native town and began dealing in hops and other produce, which he followed until his retirement from active business. In politics he was a Republican. He married Margaret, daughter of Richard R. and Jane (Chisholm) Ward of Starkville. He died February 27, 1879. Henry Sanders (son of Henry) was born in Minden December 30, 1818, and married Harriet M., daughter of George Crouse. They have no children. Henry S. is living on the farm which was settled 125 years ago by his grandfather.

Clark, William, Minden, was born at Cooperstown June 24, 1811, and was the second son of a family of nine children of Cyrenus and Rachel (Tracy) Clark. After attending the public school, at the age of fourteen he was employed by General Averill who at that time conducted a grocery and tannery at St. Johnsville. He remained in General Averill's employ five or six years, and then opened a general store at Cooperstown, but he came to Fort Plain in 1842, and became interested with Abraham Hoffman in the canal and forwarding business, under the firm name of Clark & Hoffman. He also became a partner in the grocery house of Clark & Wood. Owing to the decline of the canal business, Mr. Clark engaged in the hop trade, in which he was interested up to the time of his death. He was formerly a Whig, but became a Republican on the organization of that party. He was a member of Assembly in 1848, and of the State Senate in 1862, besides holding various town offices. He married Anna Maria Neukerck, and had the following family: Charles H., who resides in San Diego, Cal.; William; Kenneth, a banker of St. Paul, Minn.; Livingston, a coal merchant, also of St. Paul, Minn.; Ellen, wife of Edward Kopper of the same place; Elsie, who married F. R. Whitwell and died in Fort Plain. Mr. Clark married, second, Mary Edwards, by whom he had one child John E., who died young. He died May 28, 1885. William Clark of the above family was born in Fort Plain June 7, 1844. He attended the Fort Plain Academy, and at the age of sixteen years became a clerk in the grocery store of O. O. Austin, where he was employed two years. After working for A. J. Wagner and E. W. Wood he became a partner in the grocery firm of Wood, Clark &

\* There are two male descendants besides the above, who are great-grandnephews to Henry Crouse and whose names are James L. Cook and George B. Cook.

Hall, and was interested until May 1, 1892, as partner in this and other firms, which were outgrowths of the original concern. On retiring from the firm of Clark & Wood, he took charge of the wholesale provision department, which he now carries on. In politics a Republican, he has held various town offices. He is president of the Fort Plain & Richfield Springs railroad, and is the owner of 5,000 acres of land, divided into twenty-nine farms, located a few miles from Fort Plain. He married Rexie, daughter of E. W. Wood.

Casler Family, The.—Adam Casler married Mary Sitts, and had the following family, John A., who died in Minden; Adam, died in Columbia; Jacob, died in Oneida county; Nicholas, died in Canada; Isaac died young; Elizabeth, married Henry Lattery and died in Stark; Mary, married John Casler and died in Palatine; and Anna, married Gotlieb Bush and died in Minden. Adam, died in Minden, March 10, 1846, aged eighty-one years; his wife died September 24, 1848, aged eighty-four years. Of the above family, Peter A. was born in Minden, where he died October 19, 1869, aged seventy-two years, four months and two days. He married first Caty Fox, who died April 7, 1836, aged thirty-nine years; second, Elizabeth Saltsman, who died April 3, 1854, aged sixty-one years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. They had nine children, viz.: Maria, widow of Archibald Littner, resides in Minden; Nancy, wife of J. H. Brookman of Minden; Isaac N. lives at Danube; Adam P. died at Minden; Betsey lives in Minden; John P., born in Minden, October 24, 1827, married first Catharine Van Camp, who died in Minden; second, Catharine Wiles. He lives in Minden and has no children. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been excise commissioner. Peter, born in Minden, September 17, 1829, married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry I. Wiles, and has had four children: Jennie, who died aged four and a half years; Seward, Cattie and Anna. He is a Democrat and has been commissioner of highways and school trustee. Henry died young, in Minden, and Catharine married Ephraim Wagner, and died in Minden.

Casler, John, Minden, was a revolutionary soldier, and had four sons, Jacob, Adam, Philip and Nicholas. Jacob, the first mentioned, was born in Minden and removed to Orleans, Jefferson county, where he died. He married Nancy Stitts, and had six children: John, who died in Springfield; Mary, who married James Bander and died in Orleans; Jacob, who died in Racine, Wis.; Abraham, who died in Springfield; Peter, who died in Orleans; and Nicholas J., who is the only survivor of the family. He was born in Minden, June 18, 1808, and married for his first wife, Lany, daughter of Joseph Fox, and they had nine children; Moses, who died aged thirteen years; Rufus, lives in Minden; Sanford, resides in Ypsilanti, Mich.; Eli, resides in Minden; Maria, wife of Isaiah Sitterly, of Palatine; David, a Methodist clergyman, located at Michigan; Harvey, a Methodist clergyman at present located at Cold Brook, Herkimer county; Martha, wife of David Fox, of Minden; and Irving, died aged eight months. Nicholas J. married for his second wife Mary, daughter of John Roof of Stark. He was Republican in politics and was assessor of the town of Minden two terms. He was connected with the state militia about fifty years ago and held the rank of captain. In his early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed eight years, when he purchased

a farm near Brookman Corners, which he carried on till 1864, when he removed to his present residence in Frey's Bush.

Carson, Lester, Glen, one of nine children of Martin and Christiana (Moyer) Carson, was born in Root, March 4, 1848, the others being Ann, Peter, Urban, Elisha, and Caroline (all deceased); and John M., Isaac, and Elizabeth, wife of Abram Miller. Martin, the father, was one of six children of Martin Carson, who was born in Rhode Island and came to Root in early life. His wife was Prudence (Codner) Carson. Christiana Moyer, the mother, was one of eight children of John and Elizabeth (Meagley) Moyer of Herkimer county. Lester Carson married, on October 5, 1887, Frances E., one of six children of Frederick and Mary (Cox) Simpson of Albany, the others being Edward, Benjamin, Theophilus, Elliot and Florence. Mr. Carson is a carpenter and builder by trade, and has always lived in the town of Glen. The paternal grandfather of Martin (father of our subject) was John Carson, who married Anna Crum. His maternal grandfather was Stephen Codner, who married Sarah Rodgers. The paternal grandfather of Lester Carson was Martin Carson, who married Prudence Codner. The paternal grandfather of the mother of Lester Carson was Henry Moyer, who married Christiana Lathers; and her maternal grandfather was John Meagley, who married Catharine Sail. Her father was John Moyer, who married Elizabeth Meagley.

Cross, Walter B., Glen, was born May 14, 1846, in the town of Florida, he being one of five children of Walter and Susan T. (Brown) Cross. Walter Cross, the father, was born in the town of Cobleskill, September 3, 1814, and was one of three children of James Cross, who was the son of Amos and Hannah (Austin) Cross, who moved from Dutchess county to Cobleskill in 1782. Their children were Latham, Polly, Sally, Jeremiah, Joseph and James, the grandfather of our subject; also Phoebe, Joshua, Austin and Margaret. The other children of Walter and Susan T. Cross were Jerome, Wellington, J. Howard (dead), and Addie M. (Mrs. E. P. Jennings). Walter B. was married in December, 1868, to Elizabeth Ostrom, one of eight children of Stephen and Ann M. (Edwards) Ostrom of Glen. They have three children: Susan B., Antionette and Edward O. Mr. Cross has lived in Fultonville seventeen years, being for many years engaged in the grocery business, but is now one of the proprietors of what was formerly the Van Antwerp Steam Elevator and which is operated under the firm of W. B. Cross & Co., and is doing a large and increasing business. Wellington Cross was born in Florida, May 14, 1846, he being a twin brother of Walter B. Cross. He was married January 28, 1874, to Diantha L. Van Heusen, daughter of Franklin and Eliza (Smith) Van Heusen of Tribes Hill. They have five children: Henriette Y. B., Harry F., James Bailey, Ray Sheldon, and Willard J. Cross. Mr. Cross has always been engaged in business in Fultonville as a merchant and insurance agent.

Carson, Isaac, Glen, was born in Root, April 6, 1840, he being one of eight children of Martin and Ann (Moyer) Carson. The others were John M., Lester, Elizabeth, (wife of Abram Miller), all living, and Peter, Urban, Elisha, and Caroline (all deceased). Martin Carson, the father, was born in Glen, and was one of seven children. The others were Stephen, Elisha, John, Isaac, Daniel and Ann, wife of Enoch Pruyn. Ann (Moyer) Carson was born in the town of Root, one of eight children of John Moyer.

The others were Henry, John, Peter, Catherine (wife of Samuel Walker), Ida, Ellen (wife of George Esters), and Elizabeth Moyer (deceased). The grandfather, Martin Carson, was born in Rhode Island and came to Glen in early life. Isaac Carson married July 3, 1862, Josephine Barlow, one of eight children of Raymond and Beersheba (Ryder) Barlow of Glen. The others were Melissa, wife of J. N. Tallmire; Elizabeth, wife of William Dunlap; Lucy, wife of William R. Fero; Elthea, wife of Peter Carson; Celia, wife of Harrison Dingman; William Henry (deceased), Sarah and Sheldon Barlow. They have five children: Raymond, Melissa, Ida, Etta and Lena; and one grandchild, a daughter of Raymond Carson, named Maud.

Countryman, Julius Edgar, Canajoharie, was born in Dannbe, Herkimer county, February 8, 1850, a son of William and Katy A. (Cronkhite) Countryman. His boyhood was spent on the farm in Danube and in attending school in Minden. When he was fourteen his father bought the farm in Canajoharie where he now lives. On April 23, 1879, our subject married Elizabeth M. Empie, daughter of Alanson Empie of Sharon, and they have three children: Virgin E., born August 5, 1882; Theresa, born June 20, 1884; Percy A., born September 5, 1887. Mr. Countryman has always taken an active interest in the success of the Republican party, but is not an office seeker. He, in company with Mr. Van Wie, were the first organizers of the Mapleton Grange. Mrs. Countryman is also an active member of the Reformed church at Mapleton.

Countryman, Milton, Ames, was born at Minden on the 24th of June, 1852, and is a son of William and Caty Ann (Cronkhite) Countryman, both of Minden and of German origin. At the age of twenty-four he graduated at the Albany Business College, and was then employed as head teacher in the Paterson (N. J.) Business College for nearly a year. Then returning home he purchased a farm of James Sprucker, which he owned for three years, and then unfortunately lost his wife, after which he located in Ames and traveled in the west for several months. On his return he bought out A. B. Lehman's general merchandise business, which he conducted for over five years, and was appointed postmaster by President Harrison May 13, 1888. In 1892 he sold his store business, retaining his postmastership, also purchased the Wells estate (in Ames) and devoted his time as agent for agricultural machinery and church and school furniture. His father is a farmer, living in Canajoharie; his great-grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and his grandfather (George E.) was a farmer and lived at Ford's Bush, Minden. Mr. Countryman is the youngest of three brothers, all farmers, living in this town. In politics he is a Republican. He has married twice, first to Mary Winne, who died in February, 1884; in 1888 he married Viola, a daughter of Menzo Garlock of Ames. He had two children by his first wife (Winnie and Elizabeth), and one son by his second wife.

Chase, Mrs. Lucretia, Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was a daughter of Phoenix and Sarah (Coreoran) Lane, and is the widow of Oliver Chase. The latter was born March 4, 1825, and was a son of Oliver and Ruth Darrow Chase. The ancestry of this family on the father's side is of English descent, and the name is one of the oldest in the history of the county. Oliver was born near Ames, but when eleven years of age his parents moved to Buel. He was educated at Ames Academy, and always followed farming.

In 1852 he bought the farm where our subject now resides. It includes fifty acres, and is devoted to the cultivation of hops, hay and general farming. July 1, 1852, he was married to Lucretia Lane, and their union has been blessed by two children, but only one is living: Sarah, wife of Walter D. Schuyler, a machinist of New York. Mr. Chase died December 30, 1882, and the son, Charles O., was born November 1, 1857, and was foremost in working for the rebuilding of the church which has been closed some years. He did not live to see it completed, and died September 19, 1876. The daughter, Sarah, was married February 4, 1884. Mrs. Chase is an active member of the Buel Presbyterian church, as is her daughter also.

Seeber, H. Clay, Canajoharie, Marshville p. o., was born on the farm where he now resides, in the town of Canajoharie February 2, 1845, and was a son of William H. and Catherine M. (Van Vechten) Seeber. William Seeber, great-grandfather of our subject, located within half a mile from H. Clay's present home. He was born June 13, 1747, and married Elizabeth Schnerr, born in Germany, October 17, 1764. They were the parents of seven children: One of the sons, Adolphus, was born in 1773, and was married to Sally P. Yates of Canajoharie, daughter of Col. C. P. Yates. They were the parents of eight children, and William A., father of our subject, was the second son. He was born January 1, 1805, and always lived on the farm. He married Catherine M. Van Vechten of the town of Mohawk, January 23, 1841, and they were the parents of five children: Annie, wife of Judge Finn of San Francisco; Lucinda of Canajoharie; Celia, wife of George T. Finn of Brooklyn; Chester, a lawyer of San Francisco, and Harry H. Clay, our subject. He was educated in the public schools and also at Bowman's Select School at Albany. At his father's death he assumed control of the farm and has since successfully conducted it. December 23, 1875, he married Alice T. Van Evera of Canajoharie, and they have three children: Herbert V., born November 4, 1877; Florence W., born December 17, 1879, and Elizabeth, born May 30, 1881. Mr. Seeber is a member of the Reformed church and has held the office of deacon in that church. He is not a professed politician, but is an ardent supporter of the Democrat ticket and its candidates. He conducts a large farm of 160 acres, 130 under cultivation for hay and grain, and a dairy of fifteen cows. This property has been in this family for five generations, and H. Clay has every reason to be proud of bearing the name of one who was among the earliest settlers of our county.

Clapper, Peter S., Mohawk, Fonda p. o. (son of George W.), was born August 16, 1839. In 1863 he married Margaret Dugan of Albany county, and in 1871 came to Amsterdam, where he was a carder in the knitting mill. August 16, 1887, he moved to Berryville and established a shoddy mill, and has carried on business since at that place. He employs six men and does a good business. He has three children living: John, Hannah and Peter S. His ancestors were early settlers of Claverack, Columbia county. His mother was Maria, daughter of Holmes Tipple. Her family were all born in the same town, and were of Dutch ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper are members of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic church at Fonda.

Coolman, Peter W., Mohawk, son of Peter, was born December 7, 1858, and is a farmer, residing on the homestead. He married, in 1888, Orvetta Cook of Palatine,

daughter of Jacob C. Cook, and they have one daughter, Marion Bertelle, born July 12, 1892. Peter Coolman, father of our subject, was a son of William and was born April 10, 1814, in the town of Palatine. He married, in 1838, Betsey Wick, by whom he had six children. She died in 1854, and later on he married Mary A. Vechte of Johnstown. Their three children are Mary J., wife of Rufus Suits, residents of Brooklyn; John and Peter, the latter two residing in Mohawk. Mr. Coolman died January 21, 1889. He settled in the town of Mohawk in 1847, and filled the office of assessor for six years. His widow resides with her son Peter. William, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Palatine and married Miss Scott, by whom he had three sons and four daughters. His father was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and fought at the battle of Stone Arabia under Colonel Brown. His gun (with which he killed an Indian) is in the possession of his great-grandson Peter. The family is of German descent.

Christman, Morris, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., son of John and Nellie (Miller) Christman, was born in the town of Palatine, February 12, 1852, where he resided until 1886, at which time he settled in Mohawk. He married Orinda Kincaid of Palatine, a daughter of Theophilus, and they have two children, John and Adella, the latter a farmer and dairyman. John Christman was born in Palatine in 1808 and died December 23, 1890. He was a son of Jacob Christman, who was in the war of 1812. John had four children: Morris, William C., Mary, wife of Jerry Vosburg, and Charles. Nellie, wife of John Christman, died in 1866.

Chase, Dewitt Clinton, was born in Duaneburg, Schenectady county, October 22, 1816. His grandparents, Ebenezer and Susannah (Sheldon) Chase, were born in the town of Amenia, Dutchess county. The Chase family emigrated from Wales. Dewitt C. Chase was married November 23, 1854, to Jane L. Dakin of Hillsdale, Columbia county. They have one son, Clarence D. Chase, who is in the railroad business and located at Northampton, Mass. Jane L. (Dakin) Chase was one of five children of Joshua and Harriet (Burton) Dakin. Joshua Dakin was one of eleven children of Jacob and Olive (Clark) Dakin of North East, Dutchess county. Joshua Dakin, the father of Jacob Dakin, removed from Patterson, Putnam county, to North East, Dutchess county, in 1767. Simon Dakin, father of Joshua Dakin, who had lived near Boston before he was located at Patterson, moved to North East in 1773, and was pastor of the Baptist church at that place till his death, which occurred in 1803. Harriet Burton Dakin was one of eleven children of Elijah and Lucy (Collin) Burton. The father of Elijah Burton was Judah Burton; his father was Isaac, his father Jacob, his Isaac, his father John, thus tracing the ancestry back to Boniface, who lived in what is now Lynn, Mass., and who was 113 years old at the time of his death.

Clute, Richard, Mohawk, Fonda p. o. (son of Andrew), settled in the town of Charleston about 1844, and carried on the John Schuyler farm. He married Sarah Baird of Charleston, in 1838, and she died in 1845, leaving four children. Richard died about the year 1881. Christopher B., son of Richard, was born November 30, 1842. He came to Charleston with his father when two years of age. At the death of his mother he was adopted by his uncle, Abram C. Baird, and lived with him until August 25,

1862, when he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-Third New York Volunteers. He was in eight engagements and a number of skirmishes, and received an honorable discharge October 2, 1865, at Savannah. He was never wounded, but lost his health in the army by fever. The One Hundred and Fifty-Third Regiment participated in the following battles: Sabine Cross Road, Louisiana, April 8, 1864; Pleasant Hill, La., April 9, 1864; Cane River Crossing, La., April 23, 1864; Mansure Plains, La., May 14, 1864; Winchester, Va., September 19, 1864; Opequan, Va., (same day); Fisher Hill, Va., September 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864; beside a number of severe skirmishes. After his return home Mr. Clute learned the harness-maker's trade of Jeremiah Borst, of Cobleskill. In 1871 he married Mary E. Dodge, daughter of Asa P. Dodge of Glen, and they had five children. In the year of his marriage he went to Westmoreland, Oneida county, and opened a harness shop, remaining there seven years. In 1878 he located in Fonda, where he has ever since remained. He has been trustee of the village, and is a member of Van Deever Post, No. 57, G. A. R.; he was commander three years, and was re-elected in the fall of 1891. He is also a member of the Improved order of Red Men, No. 121, and is past sachem and past prophet of his tribe.

Crause, Leonard L., St. Johnsville, was born where he now resides, November 28, 1837, and is a son of Peter and Lavina (Fry) Crause. Leonard, the grandfather (whose father was an early pioneer) was born in Fulton county and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in the winter of 1865, aged seventy-five, having held numerous town offices. He married Sallie Loadwe, by whom he had two children, Peter and Nancy Nellis. He was a member of the F. & A. M. His wife died about 1870, aged seventy years and their son, Peter, who was born in Fulton county in March, 1816, died in St. Johnsville in September, 1891. He served in several town offices and was a Democrat and a Mason. His wife died in 1883. They had six children: Leonard I., Alpha, Lena, Amos, Milford, and one who died in infancy. Leonard I. received a common school education and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company B, 115th New York Volunteers. He was captured at Harper's Ferry. He was sent to Annapolis, and thence to camp at Chicago. After being exchanged was with the regiment in South Carolina. He was in the battles of Olustee, Chesterfield Heights and Cold Harbor. He was under General Butler, and was at Fort Fisher, Raleigh, Goldsboro, and was mustered out at Raleigh in June, 1865, and discharged at Albany July 3d of that year. On his return home he engaged in farming and now owns a homestead of seventy-five acres. In politics he is a Democrat. On January 1, 1873, he married Clara, daughter of Simeon and Mary (Gray) Claus, of Montgomery county.

De Graff, Alonzo H., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam on the 12th of December, 1846, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He enlisted twice, first on the 1st of June, 1862, in Company C, 25th N. Y. S. N. Guard, and then re-enlisted June 17, 1863, in Company M, 14th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and was promoted to first sergeant, then to second lieutenant, and also to first lieutenant, and was discharged as captain of the same company in September, 1865. He is by profession a civil engineer and has had charge of the construction of several important railways, and is now superintendent of the Amsterdam water works. On the 15th

of December, 1875, he married Mary M., youngest daughter of Fay Smith, of Northampton, Fulton county. They have five living children: Harry W., Helen M., Carlton R., Mary and Alonzo H., jr. Mr. De Graff's father, Harmonius, was born at the old home in the year 1800, and married Susan Thomas, the latter a native of Scotland. They had six children, three of whom are living: Helen M. Schofield, who resides in New York; Alonzo H., and Susan D. Miller, who resides in Michigan. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and Scotch. Captain De Graff has the distinction of engineering the present extensive Amsterdam water works which fully prove his skill in hydraulic apparatus. The city is thus supplied, from a distance of twenty-five miles, with an abundant supply of pure water, which is one of the most inestimable of earthly blessings.

Dickson, John W., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in Rotterdam, Schenectady county, August 12, 1858, and is the son of Anderson C. and Nancy B. (Vunk) Dickson. Anderson C. was a farmer in Rotterdam and John W. was educated in the public school in that village, but when he was eighteen years old his father sold his farm and moved to Amsterdam, where our subject engaged in the Globe Knitting mill for two years, after which he became delivery clerk for John McClintpton where he remained until 1883. Later on he engaged with A. V. Morris & Co., as shipping clerk and has since held that position, having now full charge of the packing and shipping department in mill No. 2 at Fort Johnson. May 27, 1879, he married Martha Van Alstine, daughter of Martin and Eliza (Potter) Van Alstine of Fort Johnson. Mr. Dickson is one of a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living: Ezra of Amsterdam; William, a furniture dealer of Amsterdam; Jane of Northville; Elizabeth, Dennis, Ella, and Sarah of Amsterdam. Mrs. Dickson has one brother, A. P. Van Alstine of Amsterdam. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are among the leaders of the Fort Johnson Church society. They were of the first promoters and leaders in the formation of the Y. P. S. C. E., and in the building of their chapel at Fort Johnson. Mrs. Dickson has charge of the children's class meeting. This is a class formed in 1888, first by three children meeting at her home and bringing others with them, until now she is the leader of the class of forty-three members. They hold their meetings in the chapel Sunday afternoons. Some fruit has been gathered from this class. Three are members of the church, two others are converted, a full proof of Mrs. Dickson's earnest and faithful work for Christ and the Church. It is to be hoped that this couple may see the full fruition of their effort. Mr. Dickson has been class leader at Fort Johnson since 1886.

De Graff, Nicholas I., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born in the De Graff settlement near where he now lives, June 15, 1809. Magdalen De Graff was born at the same place September 2, 1813, and they were children of Isaac and Elinor (Voorhees) De Graff. Isaac was a son of Jeremiah and Anna (Quackenbush) De Graff. Jeremiah, the grandfather of our subjects, was a son of Isaac, who came to this country during the reign of George the third, at which time the early deeds of the property are dated. The great-grandfather and grandfather came up the Mohawk in flat boats from Schenectady and settled on this old historic spot, which was a grant from the king. Hence their descendants could relate the memories of what their ancestors had told them of

the Indian wars; how they had to hide their valuables and also their stock, to prevent depredation. At one time the grandmother stood alone while a party of Indians were looking for her husband, having a tomahawk raised over her head which she snatched from the Indian; this saved her life, and she has often sent her boys out in the woods to hide until the savages had left. In 1886, on the 21st of March, the old homestead was burned, together with its contents, among them being the ancient records and many valuable relics belonging to this historic family. But they have now built a fine residence in its place. They are the last of the family, and although now in advanced years, look back with pride on their old family name, and pleasant recollections of the author of this work. Maglalen was a victim of the fire, being badly burned and the shock has left her almost an invalid. In those early days there were no churches, and the first religious services were held in the barn built by the grandfather of our subject. An Indian, educated for a missionary, by the name of Samson Occum, officiated at this meeting. No one present could start the hymn, and the grandmother of our subject asked her little son John, a lad of ten years, to start the tune. The little fellow arose and sang the hymn. Isaac De Graff, father of Nicholas, was the first child in the family, and as there were no churches for ministers outside the cities, the mother walked to Schenectady, a distance of sixteen miles, and carried her baby to have it christened (kadouped was the Dutch word used in those days). She started early on a Saturday morning in company with one of her colored women ("slaves" then called), and walked barefoot to save her leather shoes, which were then thought to be something too fine for common use. Just outside the city limits she bathed her feet in a stream of water running by the roadside, donned her stockings and shoes, and went on her way to the house of the minister, where she remained until Monday morning. Then the trio began their homeward journey, where they arrived at the close of the day, weary and footsore, but doubtless with hearts filled with peace and content. There is another pretty story connected with this wife and mother: When she herself was a baby lying in her cradle, her husband, then a young lad, came to her home on an errand. After asking for what he desired, the mother arose from her chair, saying, "Rock the baby while I wait on you," adding with a pleasant laugh, "she may make a wife for you some time." The words proved prophetic. In after years he married the young lady whom in babyhood he rocked in her cradle.

Duell, Seneca P., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born in Saratoga county, January 2, 1831, and is the son of Jason and Ada (Youngs) Duell. Three brothers by the name came to this country from England, one of whom (Peter) was the ancestor of this family. He married Cynthia Clark of Saratoga county, and they were the parents of one child, Jason, the father of our subject. Peter Duell died in 1801. His son Jason was born in 1799 and followed farming all his life. He owned a fine farm of 150 acres in Saratoga county, where his children were born, two sons and five daughters; two of the daughters are dead. The names of his children are Volney, Laura Davis, Cynthia Barras, and Caroline. Seneca P. was educated in the common schools and lived on the farm until he was twenty-three years old, then learned the mason's trade and worked at that and carpentry. December 21, 1858, he married Lucy Cheeseman, and they have three children: Frances A., now Mr. John G. De Graff, born March 28,

1860; Andrew D., a carpenter in Schenectady, born April 23, 1861; and John L. of Glenville, who was born February 2, 1863, and married, May 6, 1885, Ann M., daughter of Thomas E. Romeyn of Glenville, and granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Romeyn. In 1875 he bought the farm of forty acres known as the Jacob De Graff farm, where he now lives. He has built a fine residence, and improved the property, and now has one of the prettiest places in this section.

Dwyer, John F., Amsterdam, was born in Ireland, June 20, 1837, and when very young came with his parents to Quebec, and afterwards to Troy, where he remained until 1854. He followed the plumbing business in various places and came to Amsterdam in June, 1860. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-Second New York Volunteers, and at the expiration of the regiment's time, was transferred into the signal service of the Army of the Potomac. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war as first sergeant. He has been village trustee of Amsterdam for three years, and was treasurer of the joint board of Amsterdam and Port Jackson at the time the bridge was erected, and mayor of the city in 1890. In 1891 he was elected member of the Legislature. He is chairman of the Civil Service Board, and one of the trustees of the city hospital. He is president of the only base ball club of its kind that we know of in the United States (nine of his own sons). January 10, 1865, he married Sarah Davis of this city; they have had eleven children, nine are living, all sons: Francis A., Mathew, John L., James, William, George, Edward, Lawrence and Joseph. In 1883 his son Francis A. was admitted to partnership, and Dwyer & Son now conduct a plumbing, steam, hot water and gasfitting establishment.

De Graff, J. Teller, Amsterdam, was born in the house in which he now lives on the banks of the Mokawk. It is a portion of the old De Graff grant, issued to Isaac De Graff by George III. He was born October 11, 1836, and is the son of Emanuel and Maria (Mynderse) De Graff. Emanuel was a son of Emanuel De Graff, who was the builder of this house in 1804, and the father of five children, four boys and one girl. He was a farmer and always lived on the farm with the exception of two years when he conducted a store in Amsterdam and one year in Schenectady where he had a soap factory. John Teller was educated in the public schools and also a two years' course in Amsterdam Academy under Professor Cavert. He has always lived on the farm and at the death of his father he assumed its control. January 8, 1861, he married Ella Vreder of Rotterdam, who lived but five months after. November 10, 1869, he married Mary J. Ried, daughter of James and Laura Ried, and now have two children, Edward T. and Luella. Mr. De Graff has always been influential in politics, and has held many offices of honor and trust; was supervisor four years, first elected in 1880 when Amsterdam city was a part of the town, serving two terms, and was again elected in 1885, after the division, serving again two years. He is a good business man, his management of real estate and its transfer is of the highest order. His son Edward is rapidly rising to take his father's place, and now holds the position of teller in the Farmers' National Bank of Amsterdam.

Davis, Gordon J., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Waterford, August 17, 1859, and is the son of David G. and Elizabeth A. (Cannell) Davis. He spent

his early life at home, attending the graded school until he was eighteen years of age. His father died when he was a child, but his mother, by dint of hard work, and judicious management, gave him a good education. In 1879 he entered the drug store of J. Higgins & Co. to study for a pharmacist, for which profession he passed the state examination at Albany, October 17, 1884. He remained with this firm two years after receiving his certificate, then came to Haganan's Mills and opened on his own account. It was up-hill work for several years, but Mr. Davis has now gained the confidence of the people, has built up a fine trade and conducts one of the prettiest drug stores the writer has had the pleasure of visiting. June 27, 1888, he married Hattie L., daughter of R. D. Palmateer, formerly editor of the *Waterford Advertiser*, and they are now the parents of one child, Louise, born July 16, 1891.

De Graff, John H., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery county, on the 2d of September, 1835, and was educated in the common schools and the old stone academy. In his early boyhood he learned to be a carpenter and cabinet maker. In the year 1865 he came to Amsterdam and was manager of a furniture factory, and in the year 1873 he became associated with William Serviss. They purchased the site of the Mudge Hollow Flouring Mills in connection with the saw-mill, later on a cider-mill was added, and they are doing business under the firm of Serviss & De Graff. He was married twice, first on the 3d of December, 1857, to Naomi Deuslar of the town of Ephratah. She died on the 14th of December, 1860. On the 3d of March, 1863, he married Caroline, only daughter of Edwin and Caroline (Davis) Conklin. They have had three children; two died young and one daughter survives, namely, Carry May, a graduate of the Misses Bell's school of Amsterdam, who resides with her parents. Mr. De Graff's father, John J., was born in the town of Mohawk about the year 1811. He married Phebe Godwin, of Fulton county, by whom he had two children, one son and one daughter, John H. and Mary C. The latter married Augustus L. George of Fonda. Mr. De Graff's great-grandfather Godwin, was in the revolutionary war, and died on a prison ship in New York harbor. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and Welsh. Major John Davis, great-grandfather of Mrs. De Graff, was born at East Hampton, Long Island. He married Puah Parsons, May 14, 1772. He served during the revolutionary war a major in Col. Livingston's regiment; was with Washington. He was taken prisoner by the British at Sag harbor, Long Island, and died January 10, 1782, on board the *Jersey* prison ship. His widow with her five children—William, Abigail, John Parsons (grandfather of Mrs. De Graff), Ashael and Rasmus, located at Amsterdam on a tract purchased with money from the sale of land granted her by the government. She also owned large tracts of land in Ohio and the western part of New York. Her son Rasmus settled in Ohio. She died January 29, 1832. Col. John P. Davis (grandfather of Mrs. De Graff), was born at Lyme, Conn., November 4, 1777; was married to Susannah Allin June 1, 1805, and died July 31, 1848. He at one time owned 600 acres in Montgomery county, where he lived until his death. James Allin (great-grandfather also of Mrs. De Graff) was born in Rhode Island February 25, 1744; was an early settler of Amsterdam, and a member of the legislature. For further particulars regarding Major John Davis, look at Simms' history of the Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York, and history of the Davis family which was published a few years ago.

Dunlap, Barlow W., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Charleston November 9, 1856, and was educated in the public school and at Amsterdam Academy. Taught school for three years, two of which he was principal of the Fifth Ward School in this city. He first studied law with W. W. Dawley, afterwards with J. A. Serviss, and was admitted to the bar on the 10th of September, 1880. He has practiced law here since and was elected to the assembly in 1888 and 1890. On the 24th of December, 1878, he married Annie, only daughter and child of Newton and Adelaide Howe, of this city. They have one son, Clarence Howe Dunlap, who was born on the 8th of March, 1882. Mr. Dunlap's father (William H.) was born at the old home in Charleston in November, 1827. He is now a summer hotel keeper at Asbury Park. He married Elizabeth Barlow of Glen. They had three children: W. Barlow, Nellie, who married Robert A. Parker, and Emma, who married John E. Orchard. Joseph, the grandfather, was born in Charleston in 1803. His great-grandfather Joseph came to Charleston in 1791. Their ancestry is Scotch.

Dowsland, James Ralph, Amsterdam, was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, May 8, 1842. Received a common school education. Enlisted the first year of the civil war in Company L, Third New York Volunteers, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of two years with rank of corporal. He then went to Toledo, O., where he accepted a position in a hardware store. February 12, 1867, he married Amelia, only daughter of Abraham Halleck of his native town. Mr. Dowsland belonged to the Masonic Order was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, also of the Knights of Pythias, and a supporter of the Uniform Rank connected with the latter order. He had been promoted to major of the Second Regiment, and was colonel of the same when he died. He came to Amsterdam in 1877 and established a large grocery house; was considered by all as a model in uprightness and fair dealing, and was an earnest Christian. In politics an adherent to the Republican party. He died October 12, 1889, at his residence, 74 Division street.

De Graff, Nicholas Jeremiah, Amsterdam, was born in the village of Amsterdam on the 9th of June, 1842, the home in which he first saw the light being one of the landmarks of "ye olden time," and is still standing near the Central depot. He was educated in the public schools and at Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a farmer but when the tocsin of war sounded through the land his heart beat in unison with the noble volunteers, who early responded to their country's call to arms. On the 3d of July, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred Fifteenth New York Volunteers. He was soon promoted from the ranks to the position of second lieutenant, afterwards to first lieutenant and acting adjutant. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged. He served his country with honor and distinction, and upon his return to Albany was brevetted captain for gallant and meritorious conduct. On the 15th of October, 1868, he married Debbie, third daughter of Luther and Nancy Young of Tribes Hill. They have two children, one son and one daughter, Herbert E. and Laura Y. He is a Presbyterian and holds the office of deacon, and in politics he is a Republican and temperance man. His father (Emanuel) was born at the old home and married Maria Mynderse of Guilderland Center, Albany county. They had five children, four

sons and one daughter: John T., Myndert M., Nicholas, Elizabeth and Emanuel E. The ancestry of the family is Holland Dutch and French. In 1873 Mr. De Graff engaged in the boot and shoe business at 29 East Main street, Amsterdam, which he still continues at the same place. He is a descendant of revolutionary stock, and an ancestor (Nicholas De Graff) was killed in Glenville by the Indians and French in July, 1748. Another Nicholas De Graff was engaged at the battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

Dean, Frank S., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam May 20, 1864. He was educated in the graded schools of the city, and has been engaged in the capacity of clerk since his school days, having for some years been clerk with De Graff & Kline in the hardware business. May 12, 1886, he married Lida Adella, youngest daughter of Clark P. and Frances R. Hawley of Johnstown. Mr. Dean's father (William H.) was born at Port Jackson May 9, 1809, and married Eunice A. Huntley of Phoenix, Oswego county. They had two children, Chanucey E., who married Kittie M. Roth of this city, and Frank S. His grandfather, Nathan Huntley, was in the war of 1812. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and Scotch.

De Graff, Gilbert C., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam within a few rods of his present residence, April 22, 1849, and is the son of Daniel and Eliza (Connor) De Graff. Daniel De Graff was a son of Isaac and Elinor (Voorhees) De Graff. Isaac was born near Cranesville July 3, 1770, and was the father of five children, of which Daniel, father of our subject, was the youngest. He was born April 29, 1819, and always lived at De Graff Corners until his death, which occurred March 29, 1888, leaving four children: Jesse I. and Gilbert C. by his first wife, and James L. and Luella M. by his second wife. Gilbert's boyhood was like that of all others who live at home and attend at first the public school. When he was about eighteen he entered the Amsterdam Academy where he finished his education in 1869. November 30, 1871, he married Cornelia C. Wessel, daughter of John and Naney Wessel of the town of Amsterdam, and they are the parents of two children: Arthur, born March 29, 1874, and Bertha, born October 3, 1876. Mr. De Graff lives on a plot of two and one-half acres of his own, where he has erected a cosy residence and new out-buildings, next door to the old homestead, which he conducts as a dairy farm, finding a ready market in Amsterdam.

De Graff, Oscar, Amsterdam, youngest son of John G. and Magdeleen A. (Pollock) De Graff, was born April 4, 1863, on the old homestead one mile east of Amsterdam, on the north bank of the Mohawk. He was educated at the district school and Amsterdam Academy, and at the age of twenty-one left home to study telegraphy. A few months afterward he took charge of the railroad office at North Java, and later worked for the Western Union Telegraph company at Amsterdam, and in the fall of 1889 began working for the Fitchburg and West Shore railroads at Rotterdam Junction as operator. He stayed there until April 1, 1892, when he purchased the Bronson farm, situated near his old home, and which was the former home of his wife, whereon her parents had lived for nearly forty years. He was married November 27, 1890, to Fannie V. Bronson, daughter of Mrs. W. J. Bronson of Amsterdam. Her father, William J. Bronson, came to this country from England and settled at Hagaman's Mills. He

left there to buy the farm where Mr. De Graff is now located. He died October 28, 1885, leaving nine children: Sarah, now Mrs. Donald Grant; Jane E., the late Mrs. C. E. Collins; Lonisa; Lottie, now Mrs. H. Bruillard; William N.; Mary Belle; and Fannie, wife of our subject.

Devendorf, Dr. Henry A., Florida, was born in Sharon June 30, 1826. He was a son of Abram H. (who was born September 30, 1801, and died January 12, 1872) and Catharine (Elle) Devendorf, who was born August 12, 1802, and whose ninetieth birthday was celebrated by her descendants in August, 1892. The grandfather was Henry Devendorf, who was born in 1772 and died in 1834. His father was Captain Henry Devendorf, a soldier of the revolution, captain of Company 5, First battalion, Canajoharie, and who was killed at the battle of Oriskany. Henry A. Devendorf married, December 9, 1851, Rachel Pettingill, born April 12, 1835, a daughter of Henry C. (who was born October 18, 1800, and died May 26, 1885,) and Toinette Ziely, daughter of David and Anna (Newkirk) Ziely. Her grandfather was Cornelius Pettingill, a son of Captain Samuel Pettingill and Elizabeth Cline, the former a soldier in the revolutionary army, and captain of Company 5, Third battalion, Mohawk, who was killed at the battle of Oriskany. Dr. Devendorf and wife have had eight children: Nettie, wife of Willard Selmser of Johnstown; Alvin J., who resides at home; Emma C., wife of Edward Edwards of Glen; De Witt A. of Fort Hunter; Mary, wife of C. B. Meding, M. D., of New York city; Milton of Florida; and two who died in infancy. (*Notes from Mrs. Rachel P. Devendorf*) From Germany, Holland and the British Isles they came, so long ago! What tidings from the New World reached them in that far off land, I know but little, and that little I remember when over fifty years ago, as we all sat around the big fire-place, of a long, stormy, winter evening (a fire that always burned brightest when the weather was stormy and cold) some one would say, "Granny, tell us a story about the old country." "Dear child," she would say, "I never lived in the old country, but I did live with my grandfather, Martinus Cline. I went there when I was about thirteen years old. They told me that they heard in that far-off land that freedom, peace and great wealth could all be theirs, if they could brave all dangers of that then mysterious great width of waters; and then there was something said which they hardly could believe—that much money could be gathered from many bushes, not knowing how to translate the English into German, which was that much money could be realized from many bushels, not bushes. Martinus Cline was the son of a well-to-do farmer in High Germany. When quite young he went to Holland to seek his fortune. There he married the adopted daughter of a wealthy lady. Their first child's name was Elizabeth; the next was Martinus. He was about ten months old when they left their home in Holland; it was thirteen months before they found a home in America, and it was nearly winter when they dug a place and covered it with boughs, where they lived the first winter, and they afterwards chose that place as a burial lot. It can be plainly seen to this day. Francis Laltz came at the same time; an account of which may be seen in the Illustrated History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties. Just before they left Holland, the wealthy lady told Elizabeth to come to her money chest and there she filled her little apron with silver pieces. The children found some time to play on an immense stone then lying opposite the barn in Schoharie

creek, which even now can be seen. My grandmother Pettingill's mother was a daughter of Martinus Cline. She married John McGraw. The first work the father of John did when he came to this country, was to make mortar for the old stone fort at Fort Hunter (1712). Dr. Samuel Pettingill married Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Martinus Cline. Christine McGraw married a son of Dr. Samuel Pettingill. Did they realize their dream of freedom, peace and great wealth? The frontiersman's story is one and the same, of all our ancestors. Our children were taught to "remember their Creator in the days of their youth," but sometimes a solemn thought oppresses me: If, when we come to the judgment seat, it be said to us, "Where are your children?" we should have to say, "While Thy servants were busy here and there they were gone." We are thankful we may hope this may not be.

Dunn, Andrew, Minden, Fort Plain p. o., was born at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, August 9, 1831, and was the only child of David and Helen (Carnduff) Dunn. He attended a private school and an academy in his native country. His father was a calico printer, and in 1842 emigrated to America, landing in New York. He went to Fall River, Mass., but owing to a depression in trade, could not find employment there, and came to West Galway, where he remained until the spring of 1844, when he went to Stockport, Columbia county, and worked at his trade. Our subject worked in the mills with his father. The works where they were employed, being destroyed by fire in 1847, they came to Herkimer and Montgomery counties. Andrew, then seventeen years of age, learned the jewelry trade of James Pooley at Amsterdam, and remained with him until the fall of 1851, when he came to Fort Plain and commenced business for himself. He was accompanied by his father who also learned the jewelry trade, and was connected with his son until his death in 1872. Andrew Dunn purchased the store he now occupies in 1855 and moved into it in 1856. He has found it necessary to alter and enlarge it several times to accommodate his increasing business. In 1880 his son David E., and later Andrew G., became partners, making the firm A. Dunn & Sons. He is one of the four partners of the Fort Plain Spring and Axle Works, and is secretary and treasurer of that company. He is also one of the five partners of Dunn, Smith & Co., Fort Plain Knitting Mills, his son David E. being the managing partner. He is vice-president of the Fort Plain National bank and has been a director for twenty-five years. He was secretary and treasurer of the Minden Gas Light company from its organization in 1864 until its consolidation with the Electric Light company in 1888, and is secretary and treasurer of the consolidated company. He is also president of the Fort Plain Cemetery association. A Republican in politics, he has never sought political honors. In 1855 he married Louise, daughter of Nicholas Gros of Palatine, who was a son of Captain Laurence Gros and nephew of Rev. Johan Daniel Gros, professor of moral philosophy in Columbia College, New York, and one of the early ministers of the church on Sand Hill near the fort. Mr. Dunn's family consists of Ellen L., David E. and Andrew G.

Diefendorf, Willis Eugene, Minden, was born at Sharon Springs, June 5, 1855, and is the oldest son in a family of three children of Ephraim G. and Mary A. (Lake) Diefendorf. When our subject was seven years of age his father removed to Fort Plain, where he has always lived. At the age of fourteen he became a clerk in J. R. Simm's

book and stationery store, where he remained four years, when he engaged in the same business himself, and has continued it ever since. He is identified with several of the industries of Fort Plain, and is known throughout the Mohawk valley as a public spirited and successful business man. He is a Republican in politics, and married Emma, daughter of Jonathan Ricketts, of Johnstown.

Dunckel, Dr. Walter Adams, Minden, was born at Fort Plain, February 20, 1869. He is the only son of Alvin Adams and Mary (Bleecker) Dunckel. After attending the village schools he prepared himself for college at the Clinton Liberal Institute, from which he graduated in 1887, and attended a course of lectures in the medical department of Columbia College, from which he graduated in 1890. He secured an appointment on the staff of St. Luke's hospital of New York, and after service in that hospital he returned to Fort Plain, where, since December, 1891, he has practiced his profession. He is a Republican in politics.

Dewey, James Elias, Minden, was born in Jefferson, Schoharie county, July 17, 1820. He is the oldest son of Elias and Mary (Teall) Dewey. After attending the district school and a select school kept by Rev. William Salisbury, he went to the Jefferson Academy. He spent the years 1837-38-39 in traveling in the south and west, and then taught district school. On April 1, 1840, he commenced the study of law with Abraham Becker, at South Worcester, Otsego county. He afterwards attended the Cherry Valley Academy, and read law with Jeremiah E. Carey, who became a member of congress. He commenced the practice of his profession at Cherry Valley in 1846, having been admitted to the bar in January of that year, at Albany. He continued practicing at Cherry Valley until 1866, when he was burned out. He then removed to Fort Plain and resided there until the spring of 1867, but in 1873 removed to Albany, where he was engaged in business until 1880, when he returned to Fort Plain and continued in active practice until 1887. In politics a lifelong Democrat, Mr. Dewey has never been an aspirant for political honors. He married Miss Sarah E. Wilkins, and they have five children, viz.: Sarah (wife of Herbert C. Wood of Fort Plain); George A., Edward W. (both residents of New York city); Mary Teall and James E., jr., residents of Fort Plain.

Dillenback Family, The.—This name was originally spelled by the first settlers Dillenbach, but the "h" has been changed to "k," and in some instances "e" is used instead of "a" in the last syllable. John Dillenback lived in Palatine, near Stone Arabia, where he died. He had twelve children, all of whom, except Conrad and John, lived and died in Palatine. The former died in Minden, the latter in Canajoharie. Of this family John was the first to die, at the age of sixty-three years. The others all lived to be over seventy-seven years of age. The children were as follows: Henry, Andrew, Conrad, John, Benjamin, George, Martin, Daniel, Margaret, who married John Dockstader; Elizabeth, who married Theophilus Ingalls; Nancy, who married Daniel Van Wie; and Phoebe, who married Peter Nestle. Conrad, the son of John, was born in Palatine April 16, 1772, and died in Minden October 20, 1849. He married, November 1, 1796, Margaret Woglemuth. She was born October 21, 1774. They had eleven children, viz.: Lydia, who died aged three years; John, died young; Henry, born

October 26, 1798, died in 1882, at Fort Plain; Solomon, died young; William; Eve, born November 25, 1806, widow of Baldus Dillenback, lives in Fort Plain; Catharine, born August 20, 1809, widow of Henry I. Wiles, resides in Minden; Thomas, died young; Peggy, born July 24, 1813, married David Wiles, and died at Cherry Valley; James, died young; and Joseph. Conrad removed from Palatine to Minden in 1808, and bought the farm now occupied by his grandson, James Dillenback. William (the son of Conrad) was born in Palatine, August 14, 1803, and married Catharine, daughter of Nicholas Casler. They had twelve children, viz.: Moses, a resident of Little Fall; James; Aaron, lives at Dexter, N. Y.; Ezra, resides in Minden; Levi, resides in Fort Plain; Laivna, wife of Charles A. Walrath of Minden; Lany, widow of William H. France, lives in Minden; Mary, wife of Henry Smith of Minden; Catharine, died aged sixteen; Lydia, wife of Louis Mower of Minden; Jonas, lives at Cobleskill; and Almira, wife of John P. Walrath of Richfield Springs. William was brought up on the old homestead, where he died June 9, 1875. James, the second son of William, was born in Minden, January 12, 1823, and married Maria Hess. They had seven children: Rufus, died aged thirteen; Betsey Catharine, wife of Irving Van Ness of Canajoharie; Juliette, wife of Dr. William Zoller of Fort Plain; Irene, who married Jacob J. Wiles, and died in Minden; William, born October 21, 1854, married Ida, daughter of J. H. Brookman, and has six children: Eugene, Anna, Jennie, Sherman and Grand (twins) and Rufus. William resides on the farm with his father. Seward, died young; and George M., born September 22, 1874, married Hattie, daughter of Jacob Ehle. They have one child, James G.; he is a farmer in Minden. James is a widower, and has always resided on the farm purchased by his grandfather, and which now consists of 200 acres. Joseph, the youngest son of Conrad, was born in Minden, June 1, 1818, and married Margaret, daughter of John A. Casler. They have had three children: Norman, died aged twenty years; Solomon, born September 30, 1844, married Mary Catharine, daughter of J. H. Brookman, and they have one child, Emery J., born March 4, 1879; and Mary M., wife of Martin A. Pickard, of Minden. Joseph has resided on his present farm of 100 acres since 1843.

Devoe, Daniel Isaac, Minden, was born in Warren, Herkimer county, January 19, 1860, and is the only son of a family of four surviving children born to Daniel A. and Maria (Snell) Devoe. His father is a farmer, and our subject attended the district schools, also the Clinton Liberal Institute, graduating in 1878, after which he took a course of study at the Rochester Commercial College. Finishing his studies in 1879, he became clerk in the drug store of Petit & Read of Fort Plain. After remaining in this position for three years Mr. Devoe went to Canajoharie, and in company with John N. Snell, opened a drug store, the firm being Snell & Devoe. Mr. Snell disposed of his interest to Thomas E. Dygert, and the firm became Devoe & Dygert. In 1885 Mr. Devoe disposed of his interest and came to Fort Plain, and formed with W. S. Shumway the present firm of Devoe & Shumway. In politics a Republican, he was elected county treasurer in 1890, his term expiring January 1, 1894. He married Agnes E., daughter of Joseph H. Shumway, and they have one child, Ethel.

Devendorf Family.—The original pioneers of this name were from Switzerland, two brothers and a cousin, who came to the Mohawk valley. The latter was killed at the

battle of Oriskany under General Herkimer in 1777. Jacob Devendorf located in Minden, where he owned one of the original patents. From him descended Solomon, who married Christina, a daughter of another Jacob Devendorf. They had the following family: Nancy, who married John P. Smith and died in Onondaga county; Elizabeth, married Peter March, and died in Minden, aged ninety-two years; Polly, widow of Nicholas Moyer, lives in Minden; Peggy, married George Croukhite and died in Minden; Christina, married Peter Miller and died in Minden; Solomon, died in Minden in 1851; John S., died in Wisconsin; Henry S. and Farley both died in Minden. Solomon (son of Solomon) was born in Minden May 10, 1807, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Zoller. Of their five children, viz.: Farley, Abram, Christina, Marvin and Melvin (twins), all but the second died young. Solomon was a farmer and died in Minden June 10, 1886. Abram, the only survivor of the above family, was born in Minden December 25, 1840, was educated in the Fort Plain Seminary, and in 1859 graduated at the State Normal School at Albany, where he remained two years. He then became a student at Duff's College, Pittsburgh, graduating in 1861. He taught school in Minden one winter and then engaged in farming, which he followed till April, 1891, when he became connected with the Zoller Lumber Company of Fort Plain, as treasurer, which position he now holds. He is a Republican, and has been vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Johnsburg, and, since the organization of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Fort Plain, has been one of its directors. He married Celia A., daughter of Levi Snell of Minden, and has one child, Irving S.

Diefendorf, James A., Minden, was born in Minden, April 5, 1822. His grandfather, Jacob Diefendorf, married first a daughter of John Brookman, by whom he had the following children: Henry, who died in Clay; Abraham I., Michael, who died at Boonville. His second wife was a Miss Baum, and their children were Daniel and John I., (who both died in Minden); James, a physician (died at Milwaukee); and Josiah, who resides in California. The father of our subject (Abraham I.) was born in Minden, where he died July 28, 1858. He married Elizabeth Lintner, and of their seven children two died young. The others were John Oliver, who died at Fort Plain; Catharine, widow of Peter G. Bush, lives in Minden; Nancy, wife of Chauncey Diefendorf; and Maria Eliza, who married Harvey Wendell and died at Albany. James A. had the benefit of but a common school education, and worked on his father's farm, which is the only one now occupied by Orange Eckler. He afterwards engaged in farming in the town of Roseboom, but in 1852 returned to Minden, where he has since resided. He is a Republican in politics. He married Maria, daughter of Rev. John I. Wendell, a Methodist clergyman. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of Eli Cas'er of Minden; Anna Jane, wife of Albert Dunkle of New York, and Emery, who died aged twenty-two years.

Davis, William H., Canajoharie, was born in the village of Canajoharie, October 25, 1824, a son of John P. and Olive (Stafford) Davis. In 1816 a family (then consisting of Richard Stafford and his wife, the grandfather and grandmother of our subject) came to this town from Stafford Hill, near Cheshire, Mass., and their descendants still make this their home. Richard Stafford died here in 1826. On the father's side we learn

that the grandfather, Phineas Davis, was a native and resident of Freehold, N. J. His son, John P., was born in that town in 1795 and came to this town at the same time with the Stafford family. He was a contractor and builder and erected some of the best homes and churches in the Mohawk valley. He was the father of eight children: Joel R., died in 1863; Mary married Levi Wagner; Susan married Webster Wagner and died in 1887; George died in 1863; Amelia, wife of Homer P. Williams, of Montana, near St. Louis, Mo.; John P., jr. of New York; Margaret Elner, who died in infancy; and William H., our subject. John P. Davis, sr., died in 1860. The early life of William was spent in this town; he was educated in the Canajoharie Academy, and when he was nineteen years of age he left home to enter the large grocery and wine store of H. & W. J. Averill of Troy. He was sent from there in 1845 to represent their interests in Rochester, in the house of Brackett, Averill & Company, a branch of their concern; the same year the old house removed to New York. On the death of the senior partner, Horatio Averill, in 1855, Mr. Davis went to New York, where he succeeded to the business of the old firm under the firm of Brackett & Company, and January 1, 1868, he purchased the Brackett interest, and continued the business under the firm of Davis, Clark & Company, having admitted to partnership the youngest brother of our subject, John P. Davis. In 1891 Mr. Davis retired from the firm, after having been in active business for forty-six years. He left his brother, John P., at the head of the house and the business still continues under the firm name of Davis, Waters & Company. Mr. Davis has been largely interested since its earliest days in the Wagner Sleeping Car Company, besides many other enterprises. He has been a director and vice-president of the Canajoharie National Bank since 1870. He was married in 1853 to Anna Catharine, a daughter of George Geortner of Canajoharie. They had four children: Olive Stafford, who married Charles H. Whitaker of Toledo; Edith Alliene, who married William S. Hawk, one of the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel of New York; the other two children, William G. and Anna C., died in infancy. Mrs. Davis died February 10, 1869. Mr. Davis has repeatedly been offered nomination for political offices but has always refused, and desires now, after a life spent in active business, the rest and quiet which would be beyond his power were he a politician.

Dewey, Amos, Canajoharie, was born about a mile north of Ames, June 6, 1835, and is the son of Flavel and Betsey F. (Bingham) Dewey. The great-grandfather of Amos B., with his two brothers, were the first of the family in this country, coming here from England and locating in Vermont. The grandfather of Amos B. was Daniel, born in Vermont, April 24, 1760. His wife's name was Joanna Dutton, who was born May 3, 1769. They had three children: Flavel, Ann and Temperance. Flavel, the oldest child, was born in Vermont February 3, 1801, and married Betsey F., daughter of Abial and Susan (Fowler) Bingham. Of their five children there are living: Mary, wife of Henry A. Jones of Brooklyn; Charles Henry, an insurance agent at Brooklyn; and Amos B., the subject of these notes. The early life of the latter was spent in this town. He was educated at Ames Academy and also at Lowell Academy, and assisted his father on the farm until January 28, 1858, when he married Louise E., daughter of Benjamin and Effie (Armstrong) Jones of Sharon. They had two children, both now deceased: Walter L., born October 27, 1858, died May 16, 1873; and Willis J.,

born September 18, 1861, died August 28, 1889. He was engaged in glove manufacturing in Johnstown. In the spring of 1858 Mr. Dewey bought the farm where he resides, a beautiful home, in connection with which he owns an apiary of over fifty swarms. He has always been a Republican, and has held the office of justice of the peace for over eighteen years. In 1883 he was elected justice of session for this county.

Devoe, Daniel, Canajoharie, Fort Plain p. o., was born in the town of Warren, Herkimer county, April 19, 1820, and is the son of Cornelius and Ann (Deyoe) Devoe. About 1750 three brothers by this name came from Germany, one settled in Pennsylvania, one was of a roving disposition and never married or made a home, and the other, the great-grandfather of our subject, settled near Schagticoke. His son Anthony was born in 1744, and served in the war of the revolution. He married Laney Vandenburg of Rensselaer county, and they were the parents of nine children, Cornelius, father of our subject, being the second son. He was born April 30, 1797, and always lived in Herkimer county and died there in December, 1888. He married Ann Deyoe of Pittstown, Rensselaer county in 1819, and they were the parents of six children; three are now living: Wallace G. of Warren; Julius A. Ludden of Columbia; and Daniel, our subject. His early life was spent in Herkimer county, and he was educated in Springfield High School and Academy. He assisted his father summers and taught school winters for six years. When twenty-seven years of age he married Maria Snell of Herkimer. May 6, 1847, he leased a farm until 1851, when he bought the place, lived on it until 1863, when he moved to the town of Canajoharie, where he bought the farm of 200 acres on which he now lives. They are the parents of six children, four of whom are living: Margaret A. Duryee of Everett, Washington; Charlott N., wife of Dr. A. Zoller of West Union, Ia.; Daniel L., druggist of Fort Plain; and Demetra E., wife of Frank W. Bauder of Minden. Mr. Devoe is one of the active members of the Universalist church at Fort Plain. He has held the office of deacon in this church for about ten years, and is considered one of the best farmers there is in the town.

Doxstater, Jacob J., Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born July 30, 1809, and died December 10, 1885. He married Eliza, daughter of Albert Veeder, by whom he had four children. She died December 2, 1847, and later on he married Miss Cornelia Williams, by whom he had one child. Jacob J. was a farmer and had 350 acres of land. At his death he was considered one of the leading farmers of the town. Daniel, son of Jacob, was born November 9, 1846, in Mohawk, and married Emily Dillenback of Palatine, daughter of George H. Dillenback. He is a farmer, owning 200 acres of land and a large dairy. He is also interested in real estate in Waukegan.

Dockstader, Henry, Mohawk, son of Frederick, was born in Mohawk April 11, 1778, and died October 4, 1866. He married Margaret Eaker of Palatine, and of their thirteen children three are now living: Jacob, who lives at Canajoharie; Benjamin, residing at Natural Bridge; and Henry, who was born August 23, 1816. The latter married in 1849 Gertrude Caldwell, and they had five children: Luella (deceased), Maggie, Clara, Jennie and Hattie (deceased). Jennie is the wife of Cornelius Lotridge;

Maggie married David H. Wemple; and Clara lives at home with her parents. The family is of German ancestry. They attend the Dutch Reformed church at Fonda. Mr. Dockstader owns a farm of 160 acres.

Davis, George L., Mohawk, son of John V. and Sarah (Wemple) Davis, was born in Mohawk, April 22, 1854. His grandfather Davis was born in Dutchess county, and married a Miss Veeder. He came to this county when a young man, and was active in politics. He had a family of four sons and four daughters, and was a member of the Dutch Reformed church. His son, John V., was born in 1827, and died June 1, 1874, and was buried with Masonic honors in addition to the usual church services. He was a popular man in Fonda for many years, and served three terms as deputy sheriff. He was an active Republican, being a frequent delegate to county and state conventions. He was also a prominent member of Fultonville Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. His widow is still living, and their children were Richard, who died at thirty-five, deeply lamented; George L., Willett F., Anna B., Marshall, who died at twenty (also a very painful bereavement), and John W. George L. Davis received a common school education and engaged in the news business at Fonda when seventeen years old, which he carried on until 1889. Since 1880 he has been in the insurance business. In 1888 he was elected county clerk and was very popular in that office. He was also town clerk for three years, and always was an active Republican. February 8, 1892, he was appointed deputy revenue collector, and having turned over the news business to his brother John, he is enabled to devote himself to his present engagements. Mr. Davis is happily married and has a fine boy, and owns a very handsome dwelling and may be considered one of the rising young men of Fonda.

De Baun, Rev. John A., Mohawk, son of Abram I. and Maria (Van Houten) De Baun, was born in Clarkstown, Rockland county, March 6, 1833. The family is of Huguenot origin and is identified with ancestral piety. Mr. De Baun graduated from Rutgers College in 1852, and three years later from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at New Brunswick, N. J., with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. In 1855 he was stationed at Oyster Bay, L. I., where he remained three years, whence he was called to Niskayuna, remaining there twenty-four and a half years and fulfilling a faithful and laborious pastorate. In 1883 he accepted a call from the Reformed church of Fonda, where he has labored with ability and with great acceptance. On July 26, 1855, he married Elizabeth B. Coddington of New Brunswick, N. J., daughter of David and Deborah (Van Derveer) Coddington. They have had seven children, four of whom are living: John C., Dr. Cornelius W., Maria and Anna M.; the others died in infancy. Pastor De Baun holds high rank among the working clergy, and was president of the General Synod of the Reformed church in 1880. He was also invited to deliver the address at the installation of Professor Lansing to the chair of languages at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and he is in frequent service of this public character in addition to his contributions to the press. He was also elected president of Hope College, but felt that duty required him to remain in his present field. Pastor De Baun is an instructive preacher, preferring usefulness to display, his object being simply to convey Scripture truth. He adheres to the standards of the church, notwithstanding

standing the tendency of the age to human inventions. Before coming to his present field he made a foreign tour to recruit health, and visited some of the most interesting scenes connected with that Reformation whose doctrines he has so faithfully maintained. Since his removal to Fonda his son (Cornelius) has graduated at the Albany Medical College and established himself in practice in the same village with encouraging success, and thus father and son are laboring, each in a philanthropic profession.

De Baun, Cornelius W., M. D., Mohawk, son of Rev. John A. De Baun, was born in Niskayuna, June 21, 1865. He attended Union College two years and then studied medicine with Dr. F. G. Buckbee of Fonda, and also with Dr. A. Vander Veer of Albany, and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1887. He began practice in Fultonville the same year, but later on moved to Fonda, where he has since been engaged in his profession with marked success. On May 4, 1887, he married Miss Laura C. Mills, daughter of George E. Mills, and they have one child, John A., jr. Dr. De Baun is secretary of the County Medical Society, also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the order of Red Men and was one of the founders of the Fonda Literary Society which has done so much toward the culture of local talent.

De Wandelaer, James G., Palatine, was born in Mohawk, November 11, 1836. His father was Gansevoort De Wandelaer, and his grandfather, John, was a native of Albany. The latter, during the early part of his life, was an assistant in the law office of Judge Van Vechten of Albany, and was under Gov. George Clinton in the year 1786 paymaster of the militia. Some time after the revolution he moved to Palatine and purchased the farm of 600 acres, known as the Schenck farm, where he lived until his death. He also owned a grist, saw and fulling mill. His wife was a daughter of Col. Peter Ganesvoort, and they had six sons and two daughters. Ganesvoort De Wandelaer was born in Palatine in 1797, reared on a farm and married Delia, daughter of Adam Getman of Ephratah. The two oldest children died in infancy, but one daughter and two sons survived. He fell heir to his father's property, which he afterwards sold and bought the farm now owned by Jacob Nellis. At one time he owned the farm on which the Fonda court-house now stands, and also the farm now occupied by William Campbell. In 1845 he bought the farm now occupied by James G., where he died. When a young man he studied medicine and also was clerk in the store of his uncle, Conrad Ganesvoort, who kept the first store in Fort Plain. He died in 1867 and his wife in 1876. James G. De Wandelaer was reared on the farm where he now resides. In 1885 he married Anna, daughter of George Lawyer of Schoharie. He is a farmer, owning 288 acres of land, with good buildings, and has the largest dairy in Palatine. In politics he is a Republican. His brother, John A., enlisted in the Union army in 1862, and served under General Banks in Louisiana, where he was in four engagements; also under General Sheridan, in Virginia, he participated in five engagements and was wounded in the shoulder in the battle of Winchester. He died April 9, 1891, at Adamstown, Md., and his remains were interred in Washington.

Dockstader, Albert V., Palatine, was born in Mohawk, October 3, 1839. He is a son of Jacob J., who was a son of John, and the latter the son of Jacob, whose father was Marcus Dockstader, of German descent, who lived and died in Mohawk. John

Dockstader and his father, Jacob, were born in Mohawk and were farmers. John married Phoebe Dillenback and raised three sons and five daughters. Both parents died in Mohawk. Jacob J. Dockstader was born in the same town in 1809, and was a farmer. He married Eliza, daughter of Albert Veeder, who, with his father was taken prisoner by Sir John Johnson, but afterwards released. Jacob J. had three sons and one daughter by his first wife. His second wife was Cornelia Williams who is now living and is the mother of his second daughter. He died in 1885. Albert Doxtstader was educated in the public schools and at Clinton Liberal Institute, and married Gertrude, daughter of Conrad P. and Gertrude Snell of Palatine. They have two children, Arthur J. and Earl W. At the age of twenty-six Mr. Dockstader went from Mobawk to the town of Florida and bought a farm which he now owns. He resided there until 1888, when he came to Palatine and bought the farm he now occupies. He was justice of the peace in Florida and has been highway commissioner. His wife is a member of the Reformed church. It may be added that Conrad P. Snell, whose daughter became Albert V. Dockstader's wife, was member of assembly in 1851.

Diefendorf, Warner W., Palatine, was born December 2, 1831, in Oneida county, but removed with his parents when a year old to Montgomery county. His father was Warner; his grandfather John; and his great-grandfather John J. John Diefendorf married Maria Failing, and had twelve children, among them Rev. B. I. Diefendorf and also Dr. Abraham Diefendorf, the well-known physician. He held many minor offices, and was a deacon in the Reformed church, but afterwards became a Methodist. He died in 1860 and his wife some years previously. Warner Diefendorf was born at Frey's Bush in 1796. He received a good education and married Christiana Wohlgemuth, a native of Frey's Bush, and a daughter of William Wohlgemuth, who was born in Palatine, and after the revolutionary war married Maria Countriman. Warner Diefendorf had twelve children, ten of whom reached maturity. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and assisted in building the church at Salt Springville. He and his wife both died in 1877, having lived together over sixty years. Warner W. was raised on a farm and educated in the public schools and also at Cherry Valley Seminary. In 1860 he married Margaret A., daughter of James W. and Mary (Coppernoll) Hopkins of Minden. They have two children: Miles H., a produce dealer of Canajoharie; and Lillian E. In 1871 Mr. Diefendorf went to Fort Plain and had a grist-mill for three years, but the next eight years he sold produce and also pumps. He afterwards bought the "Archibald Fox farm" in Palatine, where he now resides. He is a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance at Fort Plain, and of the M. E. Church at the same place, which he helped to build. He is also trustee of the old Palatine church, the oldest in Montgomery county.

Dievendorf, Jacob, Root, was born November 16, 1836, at Currytown, and is the son of William B. and Elizabeth (Dievendorf) Dievendorf. The grandfather, Jacob, was a son of Jacob Dievendorf, who came from Switzerland with his father, Henry, about the 1730, and soon after settled at Currytown. He was one of the earliest pioneers in Root. He had three sons: Jacob, Frederick and Henry. Frederick was killed by a falling tree, and Jacob and Henry were both the grandfathers of the subject of this sketch.

Jacob, the parental grandfather, was born at Currytown September 23, 1769. He was a boy about twelve years old when taken prisioner by the tories and Indians, and in one of the battles was felled by an Indian, scalped, and left for dead. The day after the battle he was found and cared for by his friends. He was an extensive land owner and farmer. By his wife, Margaret Bellinger, he had two sons and three daughters. He died at Currytown October 8, 1854, and his wife about 1842. The father of Jacob (William B. Dievendorf the only surviving son) was born August 30, 1805, at Currytown. He was an extensive farmer and was one of the first dairymen of his town. He was a Democrat, and served as supervisor. He died March 11, 1882. His nine children were as follows: Jacob, Henry A., Charles, Catherine, Charlotte, Fannie M., Lydia and Elizabeth. Margaret died aged twenty. The wife of William B. was born November 24, 1811, and was a daughter of Henry D. and Margaret (Lyker) Dievendorf. Her father served in the assembly of the state and was county judge. She was one of nine children: Jacob H., Henry L., Cornelius, John F., Catharine, Elizabeth, Hannah, Margaret and Fannie. Jacob Dievendorf was reared on a farm and received a common school education, supplemented by an academic course. He married January 5, 1865, Lydia, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Mount) Shelp. They have had five children: Elizabeth A., Luella, David K., William J. and Sarah M. Mr. Dievendorf is an extensive farmer and dairyman, owning the old homestead of 220 acres besides two other farms of 200 and 190 acres respectively. He furnished a substitue for the war; has served as supervisor for three terms and is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church. He is also interested in the bank at Fonda and the cheese factory of his town.

Dievendorf, Henry A., Root, was born April 9, 1838, and is the son of William B. and Elizabeth Dievendorf. He was reared on a farm and received a common school edueation, supplemented by a course at the high school in Canajoharie. In 1868 he began for himself, and in 1877 bought 304 acres of land one mile south of Sprakers, and in 1891 200 acres in Sprakers. He is a director in the National Spraker Bank at Canajoharie and a manufacturer of cheese. In politics he is a Democrat. He married December 25, 1874, Tenetta, daughter of Elias and Lucretia (Wessels) Lasher, natives of Root. Mr. Lasher reared three sons and six daughters. He died September 23, 1869, aged sixty-three. His wife survives him, aged severty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Dievendorf have five children: William B., Mary L., Edwin G., Catharine E. and Luetta. The family are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Dievendorf is greatly interested in educational methods. He is also a successful business man and is interested in the bank and also in several cheese factories.

Elwood Family.—The first settler of this family in the Mohawk valley was Peter Elwood. He was an Englishman, and settled in what is now the town of Minden. He married Margaret Nellis, and they had the following family: Henry, who died in Frankfort; David, died in Herkimer county; Peter; George, died in Montgomery county; Nancy, married John Miller and died in Minden; and Margaret, widow of Luke Lewis, lives in Chautauqua county. The original settler, Peter, died in Minden. Peter of the above family, was born in Minden in March, 1800, and married Mary Moyer. Their children were Nancy, who married Josiah Root and died in Minden;

Reuben; David, a resident of Fort Plain; Margaret wife, of Lansing Fake, resides in Troy; Mary, widow of Milton Failing, lives in Minden; Peter, died in October, 1875. Reuben, of the above family, was born in Minden February 12, 1827. His father was a farmer, and his early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, his education being limited to the district schools. Mr. Elwood carried on farming till 1871 when he came to Fort Plain and was engaged in buying and selling country produce till 1882. He then went into the coal and fire insurance business, which he has since conducted. Politically he is a Republican, and since the Clinton Liberal Institute was located at Fort Plain, he has been one of its trustees, and also for three years secretary and treasurer. He married Catharine, daughter of John Dillenbeck of Danube, and they have two sons: Byron H., born in Minden, married Jessie Burhngame of Pownell, Vt. He is a widower and has one child, named Florence. Ellsworth E., born in Minden June 4, 1861, married Emma, daughter of E. W. Wood. They have one child, Edwin R.

Edwards, Charles Clement, Minden, was born in Ephratah, November 3, 1850, and is the fourth son in a family of eight children of James and Catherine (Nellis) Edwards. His father became a resident of Palatine in the spring of 1853, and he attended the local schools and the Fort Plain Seminary. In the fall of 1865 he became a clerk in the dry goods store of C. Y. Edwards, where he remained two years and he then attended the Johnstown public schools for one year, and later on accompanied his father who removed to Jonesville, Saratoga county, and he was engaged one year in farming. Returning to Fort Plain our subject was for two years clerk for C. Y. Edwards, and after that was clerk for E. W. Edwards at Johnstown. In the spring of 1875, in company with his brother, J. K. Edwards, he purchased the hat, cap and men's furnishing stock of A. G. Mabee, and two years later Mr. Edwards obtained his brother's interest in the business, which he has since carried on. A Republican in politics, he has never held public office. He married Blanche, daughter of Emmet Raymond of Saratoga county. They have two children: Blanche Raymond and Elizabeth Anna.

Elithorp, Elias J., Palatine Bridge, was born in Saratoga county in 1831. His father was Isaac and his grandfather Azariah Elithorp. The latter came from Connecticut at an early day and settled in Edinburgh, Saratoga county, and married Effie Younglove, who bore him five sons and five daughters. Isaac was born in Saratoga county, May 6, 1796, and married Effie Russell, by whom he had seven sons and one daughter. He was a member of Fish House Lodge F. & A. M., and was also a Royal Arch Mason. He died in Saratoga county, where he had always lived, in 1856 and his wife in 1880. Elias J. Elithorp married Mary, a daughter of Arie and Margaret (Neahr) Van Wie. They have had two children: Etta, who died at one year of age; and Oscar, a graduate of Albany Medical College, who died in 1882 aged twenty-six. When a young man Elias J. came to Montgomery county and settled at Palatine Bridge, where he has since resided. He has been a contractor and builder for thirty years, and was supervisor two years and commissioner of highways three years, at present being justice of the peace. He is a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79, F. & A. M., Hiram Union Chapter No. 53, and Utica Commandery No. 3. He is a member of Royal and Select Master Lodge of Albany, and has taken his 22d degree in Masonry.

Eldredge, Henry Moyer, Minden, was born in Leesville, Schoharie county, March 27, 1851, and is the seventh of a family of nine children of Clinton and Catherine (Moyer) Eldredge. His father was a farmer, and his education was limited to the common schools. He taught school for four years and in 1876 commenced to read law in the office of Coons & Winnie of Sharon Springs. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and in March of the following year opened an office in Fort Plain, where he still continues to practice. A Democrat in politics, he has held the office of justice of the peace in Schoharie and Montgomery counties, and was from 1883 to 1889 clerk of the board of supervisors. He married Ida C., daughter of Aaron Dunckel, of Minden.

Edwards, James Keller, Minden, was born in Ephratah, and is the third son of a family of eight children born to James and Catharine E. (Nellis) Edwards. His grandfather, John Edwards, was a member of Congress in 1833. Our subject attended the local schools also the Fort Plain Seminary. He engaged in mercantile business at the age of eighteen years and was for one year clerk for Fanley & Griffiths, hardware dealers. In 1866 he went to Johnstown and became interested in the manufacture of gloves and mittens, and also carried on farming. He married in 1869 Kittie R., daughter of Joshua Vedder of Nelliston. He returned to Fort Plain in 1871, and was resident buyer for a New York produce house with whom he was engaged two years. In the fall of 1873 he bought a stock of hats and caps formerly owned by A. G. Mabee, which business he carried on till 1876. In the latter year he engaged in the manufacture of furniture, doing a wholesale and retail trade, which he has since continued. In politics he is a Republican and in 1878 he was elected county treasurer, which office he filled till 1885. He is a prominent Mason and he was a trustee of the lodge for many years; also a trustee of the Red Men Lodge and of the Reformed church. He is also president of the Fort Plain Furniture Company and a director of the Fort Plain National Bank. He has one daughter, *viz.*: May Gertrude.

Edwards, J. S. Glen, of Glen, one of the four children of John V. S. Edwards and Mary (Hosford) Edwards of Glen, was born January 16, 1847, the others being Edward, Geddes H., and Mary (Mrs. George Abel). John Edwards, grandfather, was born in Root, his wife, Ann Van Schayck, was born on Staten Island. William Edwards, the great-grandfather, came from Wales and in early life settled in Root. Mary M. (Hosford) Edwards, the mother of J. S. Glen, was a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Glen) Hosford, her father being John S. Glen of Schenectady, and his father was Abraham Glen, whose brother Jacob was the original patentee in Delancy patent of 10,000 acres in the towns of Glen and Root. His daughter Deborah was the grandmother of Maria (Glen) Hosford. The father of Abraham and Jacob was John Alexander Glen. His father, Alexander Lindsey Glen, came from Scotland and was one of the original settlers of Schenectady. J. S. Glen Edwards was married February 28, 1872, to Mary Van Deveer, one of two children of William and Elizabeth (Putman) Van Deveer of Glen, the other being John Van Deveer. Her grandfather was John Van Deveer and his father was Tunis Van Deveer, who was a native of Monmouth county, N. J. He held a commission in the revolutionary army. They have two children, Florence M. and Deborah Glen Edwards. It is from one of this family (Jacob S. Glen) that the town of Glen takes its name.

England, Morgan, Palatine, was born in Palatine December 28, 1848. On the paternal side he traces his ancestors through Benjamin N. England, his father; Nicholas England, grandfather, to Benjamin England, great-grandfather, a Lutheran minister, who came from Germany. On the maternal side, his mother was Amelia Cook, his grandmother was Catherine Shultz, and his great-grandmother was Catherine Loucks. Benjamin N. England and wife, parents of Morgan, had three sons and two daughters, of whom Morgan and Menzo alone survive. Benjamin N. was a farmer and dealer in produce. He voted for Lincoln, though a Democrat. He was a justice of the peace, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife. He died November 7, 1883. His father survives and lives in Palatine. Morgan England was educated in the common schools and Fairfield Seminary. April 23, 1860, he married Maggie, daughter of D. S. and Margaret (England) Potter. In addition to farming, Morgan taught school fourteen years. He was also partner with J. J. Potter in the hay and coal trade; in 1890 the partnership was dissolved, and he has since continued the business alone in connection with farming 120 acres. He is a member of the Red Men and also of the Grange. He and his wife are members of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Canajoharie.

Fagan, William T., Amsterdam, was born near Harrisburg, Pa., in 1833, and moved with his parents when a child to Tribes Hill. He was educated in the public schools and academy and is a graduate of the Rochester University and Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the Baptist churches at Rome, Amsterdam, Booneville and Norwalk, Conn. About twelve years ago he retired from the ministry and has since resided in Amsterdam, engaging mainly in real estate and newspaper work. He never married.

Fowler, Mrs. Sarah A., Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born May 2, 1828, at Conner's Mills, and is a daughter of Gilbert Conner and sister of James Conner. Gilbert Conner's father, Garrett O'Conner, was born in Ireland July 25, 1766, and came to this country previous to the revolution. Sarah J. was educated in the school of her district. One of her earliest recollections is the building of the Reformed church at Hagaman's Mills. She was married October 4, 1853, to Alonzo Fowler of Saratoga county, a year after her father's death. Mr. Fowler has been a very successful farmer, considering the many reverses he had when first securing the Conner farm, owning now one of the finest as well as one of the largest farms in this section of the county.

Frazer, Dr. Leonard A., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Bethlehem, Albany county, on the 17th of May, 1846, and was educated in the public schools and in the Cass High School and graduated from the Albany Medical College in the year 1871. He began to practice at Slingerlands, Albany county, and in the year 1881 he came to Amsterdam. On the 19th of October, 1870, he married Catherine A., second daughter of Albert I., and Catherine Slingerland of Albany county. They had five children. Theresa died at the age of sixteen years, Robert, Albert S., Catharine M. and Leonard H. The doctor's father (Robert) was born in the same county on the 10th of June, 1804 and married Mrs. Sarah A. Arkles of the same town. All their children died in infancy except Leonard A. His grandfather came with his parents from Scotland when an infant. General Frazer was of this family and was killed at the battle of Sar-

atoga in the Revolutionary war. These Frazers were descended from the same clan with Lord Lovatt and lived at Inverness, Scotland.

Fitzgerald, Timothy, Amsterdam, was born on the 11th of October, 1855, in the town of Florence, Oneida county, and was educated in the public schools. In early life he was a farmer and afterwards learned the carpenter's trade and worked at the business in the far west. He was in Utah territory two years but returned to this state and located at Amsterdam in 1881. On the 19th of April, 1881, he married Mary Griffin of the town of Lewis, Lewis county, by whom he had two sons and one daughter: William, Mary E., and Edward F. Mr. Fitzgerald is doing a prosperous business in the manufacture and bottling of carbonated drinks, corner of Church and Reid streets, Amsterdam.

Folmsbee, Peter, Amsterdam, was born in Root, January 9, 1828; he was educated in the common schools of those times and until he was twenty-two was a farmer; he then learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, which he followed in that town twenty-two years. In 1865 he married Malvina Wessel, of his native place, by whom he had one son, Luman, who afterwards married Lottie Jones of Amsterdam. Mrs. Folmsbee died in August, 1870; he then came to Amsterdam in 1871 to work at his trade, and February 6, 1872, he married Mrs. Sarah A. Mills (born Brown) of Washington county; she had four children by her first husband, Taylor L. Mills, namely: Lewis T., who married Alice Sinclair (an English lady); Emma, who married Moses N. Newell, formerly of Troy; Minnie, married Earl Vought of this city; and Frederick H., who married Margaret Lyons of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Folmsbee has worked at his trade in this city twenty-one years; his father, James, was in the war of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor.

Flansburg, Albertus B., Amsterdam, was born on the 1st of August, 1856, in the town of Wright, Schoharie county, and was educated in the public schools and graduated from Fort Edward Collegiate Institute in 1877. He taught school for five years and read law with Walter L. Van Denberg, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He has since practiced law in this city and at the time of writing (1892) is a justice of the city court. His father, Henry, was born in the town of Berne, twelve miles south of Albany, on the 26th of August, 1814. He married Janette Rosekrans of his native place. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters: Louise E., Henry R., Catherine E., Sarah J., Loretta S., Garrett E. and Albertus B. He is of Dutch stock, his forefathers having come from Holland.

Fox, Ira, Amsterdam, was born April 2, 1862, in the town of Mokawk, and is the son of Lyman and Harriet J. (Snell) Fox. His father (Lyman) was born in the same town April 25, 1836, and was the father of six living children. Frank, the second son, is still living on the old homestead and the other four reside in Johnstown. Ira, the subject of our sketch, attended the school in West Amsterdam until he was sixteen, when he entered the Johnstown Academy, where he spent two years securing a good business education. In 1880 his mother died. He left home at once and began work at carpentering in Amsterdam where he remained two years. November 8, 1882, he married Martha A. Boyd of Amsterdam. After his marriage he worked one of his

father's farms in the town of Johnstown for one year, then engaged with Mr. Sanford as a carpenter. He had been here but a short time when, the foreman leaving, Mr. Fox succeeded to the position which he has since retained, and Mr. Sanford owes much of the beauty and good appearance of everything to the watchful eye of his superintendent. Mr. Fox is the father of two children: Martha L., born September 1, 1883; Walter L., born January 17, 1886. Mr. Fox now owns and conducts a dairy farm of 160 acres near Fort Johnson.

Fraser, John T., Florida, was born in Albany, February 24, 1827. His father (Hugh) was born in that city, in the year 1793, but his mother (Julia Ann M'Entee) was a native of Philadelphia. His grandfather, John Fraser, was born in Scotland. He has one sister living, Mrs. Southwick of Albany. John T. married, July 1, 1852, Eleanor Kelley, daughter of Peter and Anna M. (Dougall) Kelley of Scotch Bush, and they have an adopted daughter, Eleanor Fraser. Mr. Fraser is a business man in Albany, spending his summers upon his farm in the town of Florida.

Failing Family, The—This family is of German descent, and the pioneer was one of the fifty families sent to this country by Queen Anne. He settled at Livingston Manor on the Hudson, and removed to Schoharie county. Some time previous to the revolutionary war he came to Canajoharie. He had a family of six sons, of whom the youngest was Henry. The latter had a large family of children, viz.: Jacob H., Richard, Henry, John, Philip, Elizabeth, who married Jacob Walrath; Nancy, who married Henry Zimmerman; Catharine who married another Zimmerman; and Alice, who married a man by the name of Wormwood. Richard, of the above family, had a son, John R., who married Elizabeth Loveless, and had eleven children, viz.: Louisa, widow of David Ehle, resides in Minden; Rufus; Mary, widow of Albert Barnes, lives in Pennsylvania; Alonzo, died in Canajoharie; Luthera, wife of William Skillan of Vineland, N. J.; Schuler, lives in Fort Plain; Eleanor, wife of Peter Kisner of Amsterdam; Emma, widow of William H. Harper, resides in Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, died young; Henrietta, wife of William Dingman, resides in Virginia; and Jane, widow of J. Q. A. South, resides in Fultonville. John R. was a blacksmith by trade, and became a resident of Fort Plain in 1834, where he died in 1875. Rufus, the oldest son of the above family, was born in Canajoharie, January 21, 1824, and married first, Jane Blessing, by whom he had three children: Celia Elizabeth, wife of Henry Husen of Starkville; Ida A., wife of W. R. Walrath of Fort Plain; and Josephine who died young. He married second, Augusta Ellsworth, by whom he had two children: Maria S., wife of Lewis Shinnehan of Franklin, and one son named Rufus W. He was interested with his father in the foundry which he now runs in Fort Plain. He is a Republican in politics, and has been president and trustee of the village, also excise commissioner. Henry, son of Henry (the later being son of the original ancestor), married Mary Chapman and had eight children: Simeon, who died in Minden; Josiah, who died in Portland, Oregon; Jeremiah; William, who died in Seneca Falls; James, resides in Binghamton; Catharine, died in Minden; Eliza, died in New York; and Sarah Jane, who married Daniel Rapp and died in New York. Henry died July 16, 1826, aged about fifty-six years. Jeremiah, of the above family, was born in Minden

November 19, 1810, and married April 28, 1846, Eliza Ann Lightall, who was born in Ephratah April 17, 1822. They had four children: Sarah Jane, who died aged twenty-four; Mary Lucy, who died aged eighteen years; Elizabeth, died aged two years; and Josiah, who was born in Fort Plain July 12, 1859, married Carrie Hodges and is a merchant at Hartford, Wis. Jeremiah worked on a farm until the death of his father, when he came to Fort Plain and learned the blacksmith's trade, and has since resided there. He is a Republican.

Fish, Leonard Frothingham, Fultonville, was born in Fultonville March 25, 1807. After completing his studies at the Fultonville Union school he took a four years' literary course at Clinton Liberal Institute at Fort Plain. He read law for three years with R. B. Fish and was admitted as an attorney and counsellor on the 2d of December, 1890, and is now in active practice at Fultonville. He is the youngest son of Judge Frothingham Fish of the Supreme Court, who by many years' service became distinguished as an able jurist throughout the State. He is a grandson of Counsellor Howland Fish (a graduate of Yale college, and who for term of years was district attorney of Montgomery county) and Eliza Frothingham. Howland Fish was a son of Peter Fish (who was of Holland descent and who served in the revolutionary army and fought for the country at Bunker Hill) and Alice Howland who was of English descent. Eliza Frothingham was a daughter of Thomas Frothingham (who was of Scotch descent and who fought for the country at Bunker Hill) and Elizabeth Frost, who was of English stock. Mr. Fish's mother's name was Susan Bronk, and she is a daughter of the Rev. Robert Bronk and Catherine Van Denbergh. Catherine Van Denbergh was a daughter of John Van Denbergh and Agnes Storm. Robert Bronk was a son of Judge Leonard Bronk (a gentleman of immense wealth, who was an officer in the American army in the revolution, and served eleven years in the assembly, four years in the senate, and ten years upon the bench in the State of New York) and Catherine Van Denbergh, all of whom being of straight Holland descent. Judge Leonard Bronk was a son of John Bronk, and a grandson of Robert Bronk, who was granted a patent of an immense tract of land in the State of New York. On November 8, 1892, our subject was elected district attorney of Montgomery county by a handsome majority.

Foster, Alonzo B., M. D., C. M., Mohawk, is the son of Daniel R. and Lydia A. (Becker) Foster, was born in Waterford, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Trinity Medical College of Toronto in 1887, also College of Physicians and Surgeons of the same city, and the New York Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital in 1888. The same year he settled at Fonda where he has since practiced with success. In 1887 he received the degree of fellow of Trinity College.

Fox, Mathew, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., (son of William) was born at Fort Plain August 29, 1797. His father, William, was born in the town of Palatine, and the father of William was one of the first settlers in the county and town, where he built the first grist-mill. William married Margaret Wormuth, a sister of Lieutenant Wormuth. He was a farmer and was one of the guard at Fort Plain. He had three sons and a daughter: Peter, Daniel, Mathew and Elizabeth. Mathew married Catharine Dockstader, daughter of Nicholas Dockstader, and settled about two miles west of Fonda, where he re-

mained a few years, and then removed to the farm now owned by his son Julian, which he bought and cleared, residing thereon nearly forty years. He died June 1, 1866, having accumulated a large fortune. His wife died in August, 1867. They had six sons and three daughters. Julian married Mary Dockstader, daughter of John J. Dockstader, and he has one child, Boyd D., who resides at home. Mr. Fox has held the office of assessor seven years.

Fonda, Adam H., Mohawk, Fonda p. o., son of General Henry Fonda, was born November 7, 1799, in the village of Fonda. He married Catharine, daughter of Adam Dockstader, and settled on the farm now owned by J. J. Whitmore. They had two sons and four daughters: Henry A., now a resident of Milton, Pa.; Adam D. (deceased); Hester, wife of Abram I. Veeder; Sarah A., wife of John D. Benson, who resides at Randolph; Eleanor M. and Alida C., who reside in Fonda. Adam H. died October 2, 1852, and his wife February 23, 1870. Henry is president of a bank at Milton, Pa. He married Carrie Brown, and has one son, Lawrence.

Fox, Christopher C., Palatine, was born in Palatine, June 16, 1843. His father was Peter G., and his grandfather Christopher C. Fox, born in 1774 in Palatine, a farmer, who married Margaret Gramps (born in 1775), who bore him seven children. They both died in Palatine, he in 1852 and she in 1856. Peter G. Fox was a farmer, and married Maria, daughter of Casper J. Cook of Palatine, and they had three sons and four daughters. He died in Palatine January 26, 1879. Christopher C. Fox, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and at Fort Edward Seminary. He married May 27, 1868, Dorcas, daughter of Frederick and Lorane (Yost) Sammons of Montgomery county, one of a family of eight children. They have had the following children: Lorane S., Marcus (deceased), Clara N., Charles C. Mr. Fox has been highway commissioner six years. His wife is a member of the Reformed church at Fort Plain.

Fox, Richard, Palatine, was born in Palatine, June 5, 1822, and is a son of William W., whose father was William W. W., a native of Germany, who came to America previous to the revolution. William W. W., senior, was a man of more than ordinary education, and was an officer in the revolutionary army. He settled on a farm owned by Richard Fox and died there. The grandfather of Richard was born in Palatine, and married a Miss Recta. He was a justice of the peace for forty years. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church, and both died in Palatine. William W. Fox was born in Palatine, educated at the common school, and was the father of twelve children. He lived and died on the farm now occupied by Richard. Richard Fox married Mary Frailey of Palatine, by whom he has four children: William, Myron, Laney E. and Meletta. He is a farmer and has thoroughly improved his farm and built a fine residence. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

Fuller, Augustus, Palatine Bridge, was born in the town of Palatine in 1846, and is a son of Alva and Elizabeth F. (Shill) Fuller. He was educated in the common school, after leaving which he assisted his father on the farm until the age of eighteen, when he entered the employ of the New York Central railroad company, first as brakeman,

and afterwards as conductor for the Wagner Palace Car Company, for about ten years. In 1885 he went into the railway mail service, between New York and Syracuse, and was in the employ of the government four years. In 1891 he bought the large grocery store in Palatine Bridge of John P. Planck, which he has since successfully conducted, and he is now doing a large business. December 11, 1872, he married Helen, daughter of John G. Eaker of this town, and they have one child, Mary E. Mr. Fuller was elected in 1875 on the Democratic ticket to the office of collector.

Floyd, Dwight E., Palatine, was born in Palatine, August 4, 1845. His father was John Floyd, and his grandfather Thomas Floyd of England, who married Phoebe Allen, and raised nine children. They both died in England. John Floyd was born in England, March 26, 1819, reared on a farm, and educated at the common schools. He married Elizabeth Kirton, and their only child was Dwight E. Mr. Floyd came to America in 1845, and worked on a farm for Daniel Smith of Palatine, for five years. He then bought the farm of sixty-four acres, where he has since lived. He has always been an apiarist. He and his family are Methodists, and he is liberal in the support of the church. He is a Democrat. Dwight E. Floyd was raised on a farm and educated at the common school and at Fort Edward Seminary. In 1878 he married Hattie, daughter of James and Theresa (Brockett) Dempster. (The grandfather of the latter is Rev. Joel Dempster.) They have two children: Bertha and John D. Mr. Floyd has always been a farmer and apiarist, having about 400 colonies of bees. He is a Democrat, and is overseer of the poor. His wife is a member of the Fort Plain M. E. church.

Fake, Abram, St. Johns, was born June 11, 1825, in the village of Minden, and is the son of John and Anna (Shoemaker) Fake. The grandfather, Nicholas, was an early pioneer in Minden, and had a family of eight children: George, Joseph, John, Peter, Isaac, Henry, Jacob and Hannah. He was a Whig and died in his eighty-fifth year. The father of Abram was born in 1797 in Rensselaer county and died in Minden in 1883, in his eighty-seventh year. He was a Whig and afterward a Republican. He married first Ann Shoemaker, by whom he had five children: Peter, Abram, Eliza, Mary, and one who died an infant. His second wife was Elizabeth Gibson, by whom he had one child, John M., who died when young. Abram Fake was born and reared on a farm and received an academic education. At the age of twenty-three he began farming, which he followed until the spring of 1874 when he moved to Nelliston. In 1879 he moved to St. Johns, He married twice, first to Mary A., daughter of William and Polly (Timmerman) Davy, and they had one child, Amaziah W., who now lives on the old homestead. Mary A., his wife, died in June, 1853, and he married for his second wife Matilda J., daughter of James and Leah (Voorhees) Wiley, of Fulton county. They are members of the Lutheran church of Minden. They had one child, A. James, who was educated at Cazenovia Seminary, also Hamilton College, and the New York Law School. He is a resident member of the Oneida Historical Society of Utica, a counsellor of the American Institute of Civics of New York, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Theta Nu Epsilon college fraternities, and a member of the Dutch Reformed church of St. Johns. He is now connected with John D. Beals in the law in New York.

Gardiner, James B., Amsterdam, was born on the 19th of December, 1852, in Amsterdam, and was educated in the public schools and the Amsterdam Academy. After the completion of his education he became a clerk in his father's hardware store. He afterwards was employed in the knitting mills of Phillips, Gardiner & Company, and is now in company with C. H. Warring under the firm of Gardiner & Warring of the West End knitting mills, manufacturing fine knit goods. Mr. Gardiner is an active member of the Board of Trade. On the 6th of October, 1875, he married Carrie S., oldest daughter of H. S. Sacia of Amsterdam. They have one son, Harry S.

Gardiner, E. Watson, Amsterdam, was born on the 17th of June, 1864, in Amsterdam, and was educated in the public schools and the Amsterdam Academy. Soon after he obtained his majority he began business on his own account in furnishing knit goods manufacturers with supplies and trimmings. On the 11th of September, 1889, he married Effie, oldest daughter of James and Catherine Van Brocklin of this city. They have one son, Leonard Yeomans. Mr. Gardiner's father, Leonard Y., was born in Greene county in the year 1824 and came to Amsterdam when a young man. He married Josenia Bronson, by whom he had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Leonard died in California after he grew to maturity. Four survive, Emily, James B., Marcus and E. Watson.

Gray, John J., Amsterdam, was born on the 2d of July, 1814, in Ephratah, and was educated in the public school and the Canajoharie Academy. He taught school four winters and also one summer, and in 1863 went to Illinois, where he was a farmer and contractor. He superintended the first work on the Chicago and Galena railway and also operated in land. After four years he returned east and located at Port Jackson, now the Fifth Ward in Amsterdam. On the 12th of January, 1842, he married Maria L., second daughter of Warren and Catherine (Pettingill) Curtiss. They had two children, a son and a daughter; the son Howard died in infancy, and Georgianna Gray survived. She married Charles A. Jewett on the 6th of September, 1876, and has one daughter, Florence G. Mr. Jewett's former home was Chaumont, Jefferson county. Mr. Gray served the public in the capacity of constable and deputy sheriff one year. He was a contractor for the enlargement of the Erie canal, six miles of it being his contract. His savings were invested in land, and it has increased in value to a very great extent, especially that adjoining the city. Mr. Gray's wife died on the 10th of October, 1890. His father (Jacob) was born in the town of Palatine and married Hannah Everson of the same town. They had one son, John J. His grandfather was a major in the revolutionary war.

Grieme, Henry G., Amsterdam, was born on the 24th of April, 1842, in Diepholzby, Germany, and was educated in the public schools and bred a contractor and builder; his father and grandfather and others of his family worked at it for generations in Germany. At the age of fourteen he entered a school of architecture, studying winters and working summers, until he reached the age of twenty-one. From this time forward in Germany and in this country he has prosecuted his favorite occupation. In the year 1868 he came to this country and located at Amsterdam, and has been a successful architect and contractor, and very many beautiful buildings attest his skill. He

is also the architect for the large buildings Stephen Sanford & Sons are continuously erecting and is contractor for the same. Mr. Grieme has also a large lumber yard in the Fifth Ward, and a very extensive brickyard with all the modern conveniences for operating the same. He also conducts the process of steam drying the bricks, which he considers a superior and quicker method. He has married twice, first on December 22, 1868, to Louisa Kline, formerly of Germany, and the ceremony took place at Hoboken. They had three children, two daughters and one son: Amelia, married William La Bahn of this city; Henry W., and Dora L., who resides at home with her parents. For his second wife he married on the 30th of May, 1877, Mrs. Maria Schotte. They have one daughter, Lucy P. Mrs. Grieme had four children by her first husband, as follows: Martha A., Mary C., Cuno B., and Gussie P.

Gregory, E. Sanford, Minden, was born in Cooperstown, October 15, 1834, and is the oldest son in a family of five children of Stephen and Phoebe (Fairchild) Gregory. After attending the public schools he went to Gilbertsville Academy, then under the principaship of Ivory Chamberlain. He graduated in 1850 and came to Fort Plain and was employed for seven years as a clerk in the drug store of John H. Babcock in 1857 he became a partner with Mr. Babcock, the firm continuing until 1864 as Babcock & Gregory. In the latter year W. H. H. Lintner became a partner, and another store was opened at Little Falls under the charge of Mr. Lintner, the firm being Gregory & Co. at Fort Plain, and Babcock, Lintner & Co. at Little Falls. These firms continued until 1871, when by mutual agreement Mr. Gregory took the Fort Plain store, which he has since continued to run, and the other partners the Little Falls store. Mr. Gregory is the inventor of the Gregory quick-drying yellow floor paint, and also manufactures the well-known horse cure, Sanford's Liquid Heave & Distemper Remedy. Politically he is a Republican. He married Achsah, daughter of Asa N. Draper of Waterloo, and they have four children: Walter, a resident of New York; De Lancey, Lucia B., and Charles S.

Grant, John P., Minden, was born in Minden, December 1, 1835, and is the second son of a family of three children of John P. and Elizabeth (Sponable) Grant. He was educated in the common school and the Fort Plain Seminary. Mr. Grant early became engaged in farming, which he followed till 1862, when he connected himself with the firm of R. Bamber & Co. of New York as a resident buyer for all kinds of country produce. He was in the employ of this firm, and Bamber & Elwood till 1880, when he became a wholesale and retail dealer in butter, cheese and produce in Fort Plain. In 1887 he added an extensive grocery stock to his business, which he has since carried on. In politics a Republican, he has been town clerk of Minden for three years, and for two years trustee of the village of Fort Plain. He married Annetta, daughter of Benjamin S. Vrooman of the town of Mohawk, and they have had five children: Mary Elizabeth, Wells S., Webster, who died aged nine years; Russell S., and John P.

Genter, James, Minden, was born in Springfield, Otsego county, December 13, 1804. He attended the local schools, also the Academy at Cazenovia. In 1826 he came to Fort Plain and studied law with Henry Adams and was admitted to the bar. He at one time formed a partnership with Henry Cook, and the firm was Genter & Cook, but

after the dissolution of this firm he practiced alone until within a year of his death, August 3, 1889. Politically he was a Democrat. December 3, 1835, he married Catharine, daughter of Henry Crouse. She died February 3, 1882. Their children were: Mary Augusta, died aged twenty-three years; Catharine Elizabeth, married H. N. Lockwood of Auburn, and died in New York August 6, 1888; and Helen Alice, wife of George B. Cook of Fort Plain. On the occasion of Mr. Genter's death, a meeting of the legal fraternity was held, and resolutions of condolence and respect were passed. He was for over fifty years associated with the members of the bar of Montgomery county. He was uniformly courteous in all business and social relations, of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was regarded as an honest and careful lawyer. George Byron Cook, was born in Milton, Saratoga county, April 26, 1839, and is the only son in a family of two children of Chauncey H. and Jane Ann (Shearer) Cook. After receiving a common school education, in 1857 he came to Fort Plain and was employed in the dry goods house of Shearer & Cronkhite, and February 13, 1863, became a member of the firm of R. H. Shearer & Company. The latter firm was dissolved March 1, 1873, and Mr. Cook opened a dry goods store, which he carried on till January 1, 1892. In politics a Democrat, he has never held any public offices. He married September 1, 1870, Helen Alice, daughter of James Genter and they have two children, James Lockwood and George Crouse.

Garlock, De Forest, Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in the town of Canajoharie, about one and a half miles north of Buel, November 12, 1860. He is the son of Peter S. and Margaret (Vroman) Garlock. December 15, 1866, he married Ella M. Sammons. (See Sammons Biog.)

Garlock, William, Canajoharie, Marshville p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence, January 24, 1827, and is the son of George A. and Margaret (Lambert) Garlock. The grandfather of our subject is the earliest ancestor we can trace. His name was Adam and with his brother George were the only ones of the family who remained in this country during the Revolution. Adam was born in 1754 and was married to Hannah Grey, and they were the parents of seven children; William, Adam, George A., Henry, Nancy, Katie, Betsey. Adam, the grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolution, and drew a pension until his death, which occurred in 1840. His son, George A., was born in 1790 and served in the war of 1812. He married Margaret, daughter of Peter and Anna (Lipe) Lambert of Frey's Bush, just before the war of 1812. They were the parents of ten children and five are still living: Menzo of Ames, Catherine of Fort Plain, Susan, wife of Washington Garlock of Utica, Elizabeth, wife of Dwight A. Tibbles of Fort Plain, and William our subject. With the exception of five years which he spent in California, he has always lived on this farm. He was educated in the common school and assisted his father on the farm until the death of the latter, which occurred July 26, 1847; then he worked it on shares for his mother until 1851. After his mining venture in California (which was successful) he returned to the old home in 1855. In 1858 he bought out his brother's interest. June 17, 1857, he married Mercy Hamilton, daughter of Henry C. and Emeline (Shepherd) Hamilton of Charlestown, and they are the parents of eight children, seven are living: Frank H., Minnie E., Mabel V., John I., Nellie, George H., Harvey I., and Bayard T. Mabel,

wife of Seymour Cooke, died October 8, 1889. Mrs. Garlock, mother of our subject, died in 1876, eighty years of age. Mr. Garlock is not an active politician but is known the town over as an honest, upright citizen, and good neighbor.

Garlock, Nathan, Canajoharie, Marshville p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence, September 9, 1852, and is the son of Peter and Laney (Loucks) Garlock. The great-grandfather of our subject, Adam Garlock, settled on the farm of Adam and Rueben Garlock, the first of the family in this town. He was the father of seven children, of whom George was one of the oldest. He married a Margaret Lambert and they were the parents of eight children, five are now living: William of Canajoharie; Menzo of Ames; Susan, wife of Washington Garlock of Utica; Elizabeth, widow of Dwight Tibbles of Fort Plain; and Catherine Garlock who makes her home with Mrs. Tibbles. Peter Garlock, father of our subject, was born January 7, 1817, and always lived in this town. He was a farmer and married Laney Loucks of Manheim, July 5, 1842, and they were the parents of four children: Anna, wife of Harvey Wagner; Libbie, wife of Albert Dunckle of Canajoharie; Lida, wife of James Schuyler of Fonda; and Nathan, our subject, whose whole life has been spent on the farm. He was educated at Ames Academy and also at Little Falls Academy. He married Luella Winne, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Wessels) Winne of Mapletown, October 10, 1878, and their union has been blessed by three children: Gertrude E., born January 17, 1881; Matie C., born September 30, 1884; Voorhees, born August 15, 1891. Mrs. Garlock, mother of our subject, lives with her son and is in her seventy-second year. After his marriage Mr. Garlock conducted the farm on shares until his father's death, February 11, 1886. He is considered a very successful farmer. He owns two farms which together contain 212 acres, and cultivates mostly hay and grain, with the addition of a dairy of twenty-six cows. He is called a good friend and neighbor.

George, Augustus L., Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born in Silesia, Germany, May 7, 1827, and is the son of Anthony and Barbara (Gumprich) George. He was educated at the public schools of his country, and learned the cabinetmaker's trade. In 1849 he came to America and located at Fonda, where he worked two years for Charles Timmerman and then became a partner in the cabinet business. In 1853 he started in business alone, and has carried on cabinet making and undertaking for forty years. In 1852 he married Catherine De Graff of Fonda, daughter of John, and has four sons: John, Joseph, Francis and Charles. The whole family joined the Reformed church. He is a member of Fultonville Lodge No. 531, F. and A. M. He has been deacon in the Reformed church ten years, and was elected elder in 1866; he has led the choir twenty-nine years. In 1884 he visited his native country, stopping at Hamburg, Copenhagen, Berlin and Frankfort, and spending a considerable time with his two brothers and one sister in the village of Weschkau. Mr. George is a very active man, and conducts a Sabbath-school at Berryville, where he is deeply beloved. His industry in business has been rewarded by success, and he has taken his two sons (John and Joseph) in partnership. They are as a family noted for industry, temperance and all that improves society.

Faulknor, Jay H., oldest son and one of three children of Benjamin and Mary E. (Mabee) Faulknor of Glen, was born in that town February 8, 1849, the others being

Anna (dead) and Edwin Faulknor, who lives upon the farm adjoining. He was married, March 20, 1872, to Mary E. Hoff, one of four children of William N. and Amelia (Shelp) Hoff of Glen. They have two children: Abram M. and Glen H. Faulknor. He has been called to various offices of public trust; was commissioner of highways five years and of great service in building the Mill Point bridge in 1879; served two years as supervisor with credit to himself and public satisfaction. He and his family have lived on the farm where they now reside since 1871, on which farm several years ago was kept a store, with a dressmaking department in connection. The family have in their possession a piece of goods purchased there by their grandmother (now dead) when she was a young girl. A Fourth of July celebration was once held there with a great crowd. Some of the old fighting stories of that day are told over yet as they are handed down by memory. There was also a blacksmith shop located there.

Faulknor, Benjamin A., Glen, was born in the town of Glen March 22, 1822. He was one of seven children of Daniel and Hannah (Van Patten) Faulknor of Glen, the others being as follows: Jane, wife of Asa P. Dodge; Harriet (deceased), wife of William Van Buren; Zenith, widow of G. P. Serviss; Benjamin A., Mary Ann, widow of Charles Fieldhamer; Ann, widow of Mayhew Bunn, and Adelia, who died in her youth. The latter two were half sisters of Benjamin A. Caleb Faulknor, grandfather of the latter, was born in Connecticut and settled in Palatine in early life. His father came to Glen when a young man, married and settled here. Benjamin A. Faulknor married, November 25, 1847, Mary Mabee of Glen. They have had three children: Jay H., Edwin and Anna (deceased). Edwin resides with his parents. He married, October 20, 1886, Nelia Allen, a daughter of Harvey and Phebe (Almy) Allen of the town of Root. They have two children, Leslie and Anna E.

Fairbanks, Dr. James R., Amsterdam, born in Pittsfield, Mass., on the 11th of October, 1842, was educated at the Harvard Medical College and graduated from the Berkshire Medical College in October, 1866. He was in the War of the Rebellion as hospital steward and acting assistant surgeon of the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers from August 15, 1862, until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. In 1868 he married Elizabeth M. Bishop of Truxton, by whom he had two daughters: Hattie B. and Eliza. The doctor's father (Jabez) was born in Hadley, Mass., in 1801, and married Harriet Stocking of Westfield, Mass., by whom he had three sons: Jabez W., Edgar P. and James R.; all of whom were in the war, and two daughters: Achsah and Hattie. Edgar P. Fairbanks died in the army.

Getman, William F., son of Richard and Mary (Shults) Getman, was born July 4, 1849. He married, June 23, 1875, Viola Shults, and in 1876 he bought the farm of 121 acres where he now resides. They have three children: Anson, Orvia, Bertha V. In 1879 he built the Getman cheese factory, which is located on his farm, and has a capacity of 300 cows. Mr. Getman is a member of the Grange and also the Improved Order of Red Men.

Groff, Hamilton, Palatine, was born in the town of St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, August 11, 1828. His father was Daniel Groff, and his grandfather was an early settler of Oppenheim, where he passed his whole life. Daniel Groff was born in

Oppenheim, and married Eve Failing, by whom he had eleven children. He moved to Sharon and afterwards to Stone Arabia; the last ten years of his life he lived retired at Fort Plain. He died in 1879, and his wife in 1888. Hamilton Groff was raised on a farm, and is a man of liberal education. His wife was Nancy Flanders of St. Johnsville, by whom he had five children: Charles H., John H., Alice, Arthur D. and Albert, who died in infancy. Mr. Groff owns 350 acres of land, including the farm on which he resides, which contains 125 acres and has good buildings. His house, built in 1870, at a cost of \$9,000, is one of the finest residences in the town. He has a large dairy, and is a director of the Spraker cheese factory, for which he was salesman four years. He and his family attend the Reformed Church at Stone Arabia.

Gramps, Harvey, Palatine, was born in Palatine, September 20, 1853. His father was Reuben; his grandfather was John H.; and his great-grandfather, Henry Gramps, who was an early settler of Palatine, and who served in the revolution. John H. Gramps was born in Palatine March 5, 1796, and married Mary Snell, who bore him twelve children, nine of whom reached maturity. He served in the war of 1812, held several town offices, and died May 18, 1860, his wife dying in 1854. Reuben Gramps was born in Palatine, June 4, 1825, was a farmer, and married Marie Markell (born January 20, 1831), who bore him the following children: Aurelia, Harvey, Alida and Elmer. He survives his wife, who died September 24, 1881. Harvey Gramps was educated at the common school, supplemented by several terms at an academy. He is a farmer, and a Republican. He married, January 2, 1878, Julia, daughter of Azariah and Kattie A. (Kilts) Saltsman. They are members of the Reformed church at Stone Arabia.

Gove, George J., Root, son of Johnson and Sarah (Walker) Gove, was born in Watervliet, Albany county, December 4, 1834, but after his father's death his mother came to Root. He received his education at the common schools, and at the age of thirteen entered the store of Ira Hoag, and at fourteen came to where he now carries on business, and became clerk for John Bowdish. In 1870 he became a partner. In 1884 the partnership was dissolved and he then took in his son as partner. He also carries on a farm of 140 acres. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as town clerk two terms; was supervisor in 1884-85; re-elected in 1889-90-91; in 1889 and 1891 was chairman of the board. In the fall of 1891 was elected to the assembly from Montgomery county and served on internal affairs—taxation, retrenchment and canals. He married Louisa, daughter of John and Jane A. Bowdish of Rural Grove, who reared three daughters. Her father served many years in town offices, and was assemblyman one term. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1846, and died in 1886 at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Gove have had six children: J. B., Laura, who died in infancy; Anna W., who died aged twenty years; George J., who died aged eleven years; Myrta L., and Maggie M. Mr. and Mrs. Gove are members of the Christian church. The grandfather, Elijah, was born in New England, of English descent, and reared three sons and six daughters. He was an early pioneer of Charleston. Johnson Gove was born in the latter town in 1799. He followed boating at Troy and later on was deputy sheriff of West Troy. He married first Laura Sears, by whom he

had one son and three daughters. His second wife was Sarah Walker, who bore him one child, who is the subject of this sketch. Johnson Gove died in 1835, and his wife in 1882. She was born in Charleston, a daughter of Jacob Walker, who was of Dutch descent. He moved to Jefferson county, where he finished his days.

Gardenier, Lorenzo, Root, was born where he now resides February 11, 1837, a son of Abraham M. and Rhoda (Grantier) Gardenier. He received a district school education, and now owns the old homestead, comprising 171 acres. He has served as overseer of the poor, and is a Democrat. He married, October 27, 1881, Jane, daughter of Charles and Mary (Lyker) Gordon. They have two children, Mary Libbie and Bertha. Martin, grandfather of Lorenzo, was a son of Capt. Jacob Gardenier, who was one of the earliest settlers of the town of Glen. He served as captain and received thirteen wounds in the battle of Oriskany. For his bravery he was presented with a sword having a solid silver handle. This was willed to the father of Lorenzo, and was lost. Martin Gardenier was born near Caughnawaga, February 26, 1756, and married Anna Huyck December 21, 1784. Their four sons were Abraham, Isaac, William and Jacob. In 1802 he settled in Root, now in Schoharie county, where he owned two hundred acres of land. The old house still stands. He died in 1812. The father of Lorenzo was born May 5, 1798, and died in Root, where he served as supervisor, and held other minor offices. He died in May, 1871. His wife was born in December, 1799, and died in August, 1866. Of their eight children, five are living: Ann M., William, Louisa, Lorenzo and Menzo.

Herrick, Sarah A., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in the house now her residence, October 22, 1840. She was a daughter of James Conner, whose parents were old settlers in the county. When locating here they built the saw and grist-mill still known as Conner's Mill. The old mill was built about 1800, and stood until 1863. It was a familiar landmark to the oldest inhabitant, and was immediately rebuilt by Mrs. Herrick's father (James Conner) after its destruction by fire. Mrs. Herrick was married September 14, 1865, to Marvin Herrick of Hagaman's Mills, who still conducts the farm and mills which fell to Mrs. Herrick upon the death of her father, which occurred in April, 1875, at his sixtieth birthday. The mother of Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Conners, is still living, three score and ten years of age.

Hagaman, J. Morgan, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born October 8, 1824, and is a native of Hagaman's Mills, where his early life was spent. His education was acquired at the public school of the village and one year's attendance at the Amsterdam Academy. At the age of twenty-one he went to Long Island, taking with him machinery for the manufacture of carpets. While there he married Esther Allen of Saratoga county. Two children bless their union: Francis L., born November 22, 1846, and Aaron P., born August 26, 1848. In 1846 Mr. Hagaman returned to the village of Amsterdam, where he was engaged by Mr. Sanford for about five years, moving to Fort Plain to stay but two years, when he returned to Amsterdam and remained eight years. In 1861 he returned to his native village and resumed the management of his farm, and in 1880 he established a general store, under the management of his son, Aaron P. Mr. Hagaman's ancestors were Hollanders, and were among the earliest settlers of this

section of the country, coming here in 1787. Mrs. Hagaman still lives, beloved by her children and neighbors.

Hubbs, Hiram, Amsterdam, was born in Florida, on the 24th of November, 1819, and was educated in the district schools and the Amsterdam Academy. He studied medicine with Dr. Jacob G. Snell of Port Jackson, now fifth ward of this city, and in 1845 he graduated from the Albany Medical College. He divides his time in the practice of medicine and in farming. He has been married twice, first to Susanna Radley of his native town, but in the year 1846 she died. For his second wife he married Catharine, second daughter of Jeremiah Schuyler. They have three children, one son and two daughters: Charles, who married Jessie E., daughter of Ex-Senator Adam W. Kline of this city, by whom he has one daughter named Katherine; Eveline S., married John N. VanAntwerp of Fultonville; Maude A. resides with her father. Charles Hubbs is now in Europe enjoying a pleasure trip with a party of friends. Mrs. Hubbs died in July, 1866. Mr. Hubbs is president of the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery and Fulton counties, a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Amsterdam, and is now a retired farmer.

Herrick, George, Amsterdam, was born in Florida, Montgomery county, on the 31st of May, 1812, was well educated and was a successful farmer until he retired in 1882. He was married twice, first on the 25th of June, 1835, to Sarah J. Stanton of his native place. She died on the 15th of January, 1882. He married on the 7th of November, 1883, Marion M., third daughter of John and Jane Storrie of Amsterdam. Mr. Herrick's father, Benjamin, was born near Albany. On the 1st of November, 1780, he married Sally Winegar. They had eight children: Delia, Marvin, Harvey, George, Elizabeth, Jacob, James H. and Harriet. Mr. Herrick's grandfather, Daniel, was a soldier in the Revolution. Mrs. Herrick's father, John Storrie, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and married Jane Miller of his native place. They have seven children. The ancestry of the family is Danish, German and Scotch.

Hannon, George R., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Monticello, Sullivan county, on the 18th of December, 1852, and when he was two years old came to Elmira with his parents, where he was educated in the public schools. He was in the grocery business there for fifteen years, and was an alderman in the First ward of Elmira for two years at the same time Senator Hill was an alderman of that city. On the 25th of June, 1879, he married Aurelia E. Farrington of Elmira. They have five living children: Aurelia E., Alexander Cameron, May F., Irving S. and Roger R. In 1882 he came to Amsterdam as manager for Foster & Green, in the lumber business, for four years. About this time Mr. Foster died, he then entered into partnership with James W. Green, Mosher & Company, which continued three years, at the expiration of which a joint stock company was formed under the corporate name of the Mohawk Valley Lumber Company, with a \$100,000 capital, of which Mr. Hannon is vice-president. This is a branch office of the main one at Fultonville. Mr. Hannon has been alderman in the Fifth ward for four years.

Hagaman, Hannah, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born one mile south of Hagaman's Mills, May 28, 1816, and is a daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Toll) Marcellus.

Aaron, the father of our subject, was a son of Ahasuerus Marcellus, who came to this country from Holland about 1747. He was the father of six sons and two daughters, of which Aaron (father of our subject) was the third. When he was twenty-five years of age his father gave him a hundred acres on the Manny's road where he lived until 1860, when he went to Steuben county where he died in 1867. He was the father of four children: Ahasuerus, Charles, Esther, and Hannah (our subject), who was educated in the public schools and Ovid Seminary. After leaving school she kept house for her father until her marriage, which was in 1840. She was married to Henry H. Hagaman of Hagaman's Mills, and moved on to Mr. Hagaman's farm, where they remained until 1848 when they came to Hagaman's Mills, to the residence he had built there and where he died in 1882 aged seventy-one years. They were the parents of but one child, John H., born August 4, 1850, with whom Mrs. Hagaman makes her home; and she is still strong and comparatively well, considering her age is seventy-six years.

Harvey, Thomas, Amsterdam, was born on the 16th of June, 1826, in West Charlton, Saratoga county, and came here with his parents when he was nine years old, where he was educated in the common schools. He learned the trade of machinist with his father with whom he became partner at the age of twenty-one and continued until 1864. Their specialty was manufacturing agricultural implements, drills, ploughs, threshing machines, etc. They sent the first eight-horse threshing machine to California in 1849. After dissolving in 1864, he formed a copartnership with John McDonald and Perry Cline for the manufacture of knit goods until they were burned out in 1872. About the year 1881 he sold his interest in that concern and is now in business with his son, Elmer F. Thomas Harvey was married January 24, 1854, to Emily F. Powell, third daughter of Charles F. and Sally M. Powell of Kingsboro. They have three sons, Watson Powell, John Fraser, and Elmer F. Watson P. was born on the 6th of October, 1856, and was educated in Amsterdam Academy, finishing his studies at Ripley College, Vermont. He has been a manufacturer of knit goods, but is now identified with the *American Knit Goods Review*, a paper devoted to the knit goods interest, located at 318 Broadway, corner of Pearl street, New York. In April, 1879, he married Carrie, second daughter of Prof. Henry K. Salisbury of this city.

Hagaman, Francis, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam about one-half mile from his present residence, June 28, 1819, and is a son of Francis and Fanny (Clark) Hagaman. Francis senior was born at Hagaman's Mills February 12, 1789, and was a son of Joseph (who came from Holland in 1787, and was the first settler at Hagaman's Mills and from whom the village derived its name as he was the founder of the first saw and grist mill in the place), and Betsey Hagaman. Francis, father of our subject, was in the military service in 1806, and married Fanny Clark February 10, 1809. They were the parents of nine children, only four now living: Joseph B. of Illinois, Fannie J. Burbank of California, Minor S. of Amsterdam, and Francis, our subject. Mr. Hagaman was educated in the public schools and made his home with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, when he married Mary Conner, daughter of Gilbert and Sally (Hagaman) Conner, January 25, 1843, after which they moved to West Charlton, where Francis worked at blacksmithing for three years, when

he returned to Amsterdam and bought the farm of thirty-three acres where he now lives. He has built here a comfortable and pleasant home, and a blacksmith and wagon-making shop, where he has continued in business since 1846. They were the parents of two children: Sarah Alice, born January 28, 1847, and Fanny Ellen, born September 22, 1848. The latter married, September 25, 1867, Samuel B. Titcomb, now residing in Perth. Mrs. Hagaman died February 8, 1883. Her family were descendants of Joseph Hagaman's second wife.

Hugo, John Henry, Amsterdam, was born in Mienden, Prussia, May 18, 1833. He came to this country in 1856 and settled in Schenectady and married Margaret Shoemaker of that place. He had attended school in Germany but found it rather hard to progress at first in this country. For about seven years he was employed by Christopher Seeley and his brother John in the broom manufacture, in the summer working out in the growing corn, and in winter making brooms. In 1863 he rented a farm in Niskayuna, which he worked nine years, after which he came to Amsterdam and bought a farm of 142 acres at Manny's Corners, where he still resides. He has built a fine residence and new barns and his place has the appearance of being the home of a prosperous farmer. They are the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living: Christopher J. Henry, born December 3, 1856; William E., born November 18, 1860; Carrie M. Eifert, born February 25, 1863; Louisa L. Knack, born May 18, 1865; Charles E., born July 28, 1871; Maggie S., born June 23, 1873; and Dora M., born October 28, 1875. The three children who died were Libbie C., born December 15, 1858, died April 9, 1888; Emma L., born June 14, 1867, died August 26, 1891; Frederick J., born May 19, 1869, died December 30, 1891.

Howe, Mrs. Julia A., Florida, one of the five children of George and Sarah (Vander-veer) Serviss, was born in the town of Florida, where she has always lived, on the 12th day of March, 1821. Lewis Howe, her husband, a son of Reuben and Urania (Skeel) Howe, was born in Florida July 10, 1815. They were married January 2, 1839, and Mr. Howe died October 12, 1879.

Hubbs, John, Florida, was born in Florida September 15, 1817. He was one of three sons of Cornelius and Mary (Griffith) Hubbs. Cornelius, the father, was born in this town in the year 1788, being one of nine children of Charles Hubbs, who was born while his parents were on a voyage to this country, and who settled in this town at an early date. Charles Hubbs, the grandfather of John Hubbs, was a soldier in the war of the revolution, rising to the grade of sergeant and later ensign. In 1843 Mr. Hubbs was married to Susan French of Florida, a native of Amsterdam. She was the daughter of John French, a prominent man in his day. They have two children: Cornelius, living at home; and Emma, now Mrs. John Serviss, living at Amsterdam. For the past forty-three years, with the exception of six, Mr. Hubbs has lived upon the farm, which is spoken of as the best 100 acres in Florida.

Herrick, Lewis H., Florida, one of four children of James and Margaret J. (Service) Herrick, was born at Minaville, in the town of Florida, on the 18th day of April, 1847. He married Alice, daughter of Robert and Harriet (Brockway) McMichael of the town of Florida, and they have one son, R. J. Herrick.

Houck, Jacob, Florida, was born in the town of Florida on the 14th of August 1832. He was the son of Isaac Houck, born in Florida in 1802, and Catherine (Enders) Houck, born at Fort Hunter. He was married in 1855 to Adaline, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Van Horn of Charleston. The grandfather, Jacob Houck, came to Florida from Schoharie county in 1793 and located upon the extensive property which his grandson now occupies. The Houck family trace their ancestry in Holland to a remote period.

Haig, Walter R., Minden, was born in Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, January 7, 1845, and is the second son in a family of seven children of John and Agnes (Aitchison) Haig. He received an academical course of study at the Potsdam Academy and the Canton University. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1872 and commenced teaching the public schools at Dixon, Ill., where he remained one year, and the following year he had charge of the public schools at Norwood. He then accepted the position of professor of Latin and Greek at the Clinton Liberal Institute at Clinton, and on the removal of that institution to Fort Plain he became a resident of the village. He resigned his professorship in 1887, to become a partner in the Fort Plain Glove and Mitten Company, in which he is still interested, and in which employment is given to fifteen workers. Professor Haig is a Republican in politics. He married Mary L., daughter of Dr. John Parry of Buel. They have four children: Glen, Frank, Therese and Ethel.

Hackney Family.—William Hackney came from England to Minden soon after the revolution. He married Elizabeth Zimmerman, and they had the following family: Benjamin, who became a contractor and went west, purchasing the site of Aurora, Ill., where he died; Jeremiah, who engaged in the lumber business and died in the same place; Adam, died there also; David; John and Joseph, who both died at Warren, Pa.; Maria, married George Wolgworth and died in Minden; Peggy, married John Vroman and died in Minden; David, of the above family, was born in Minden December 10, 1794, and married December 19, 1833, Magdalene Diefendorf, who was born May 4, 1804, and died June 8, 1838. Their children were: Susanna, who died aged three years, and David G. Mr. Hackney married second, Mrs. Christianna Lipe (born Scott), and died January 5, 1873. David G. was born in Minden May 23, 1838, and after attending the public schools was sent to Fort Plain and Cazenovia Seminaries. He was engaged in farming until 1860, when he came to Fort Plain and formed a partnership with Menzo Crouse in the grocery business. The firm continued business under the name of Crouse & Hackney until about 1865. Mr. Hackney was also engaged with William Crouse in buying and selling wool, hops and cheese, which partnership lasted until about 1882, since which time Mr. Hackney has operated alone. A Democrat in politics, he has been for four years president of the village of Fort Plain and a member of the State Loan Commission during Governor Hoffman's administration. He was postmaster of Fort Plain during President Cleveland's administration, and was appointed by Governor Hill one of the Commissioners of Fisheries. The Hackney Hose Company of Fort Plain is named in honor of Mr. Hackney. Mr. Hackney married Mary E. daughter of James Edwards, and they have four children, viz.: Catharine E., wife of Edward Shults of New York; William C., married Anna, daughter of George A.



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Streeter of Johnstown, and has one son, George Streeter Hackney; William C. is cashier in the State Treasury Department; Mary, Ellen, and David G., jr.

Haslet, William Alanson.—The original settler of the Haslet family in the Mohawk valley was Thomas Haslet, grandfather of W. A. Haslet. He emigrated from England and settled in Greenbush. His son Thomas learned the hatter's trade and settled in Florida. The latter married Eunice, daughter of Gideon Curtiss, who was from New Haven, but became one of the early settlers of Florida. They had eight children, of whom William A. was the oldest son and was born in Florida, April 23, 1804. He married, May 25, 1826, Elizabeth, daughter of Matthias Becker, and the same month came to Fort Plain and having learned his father's trade, engaged in that business. He erected a shop and dwelling on the site of the present residence of F. S. Haslet. He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the Fort Plain Bank, and in January, 1858, was elected president of that institution, and upon the organization of the National Fort Plain Bank occupied the same position up to the time of his death. He was a Democrat in politics and in 1848 was elected member of assembly, but declined a renomination. His last political office was as delegate to the state convention held at Syracuse in 1874. He died October 13 of the same year. John Becker Haslet, his only child, was born in Fort Plain March 10, 1827, and after attending the local schools finished his education at an academy in Poughkeepsie. He was engaged with his father in business, and after the death of the latter carried on the concern alone a few years. He devoted a large share of his time to the affairs of the National Fort Plain Bank, and the Fort Plain National Bank, holding in both of these institutions the position of vice-president. In early life a Democrat, since 1880 he affiliated with the Republicans, but was never an aspirant for political honors. He married first, October 21, 1851, Margaret Lasira Martin of Michigan. February 3, 1858, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Sternbergh of Albany. He died January 30, 1886. Frederick Sternberg Haslet, the only child of John B. and Elizabeth Sternberg Haslet, was born in Fort Plain October 6, 1862. After attending the local schools he graduated, in 1881, from the Clinton Liberal Institute and in the following year he entered the employ of the National Fort Plain Bank, and in 1886 was elected assistant cashier of the same institution, and in 1888 cashier, which position he still holds. He is a Republican in politics. September 23, 1891, he married Edith Catherine, daughter of Alfred De Graff of Fonda.

Hudson, William, Minden, was born at Cherry Valley, April 6, 1829, and was the son of William Hudson, who married Mary Allen, and had the following family: Ephraim, who died at Tarrytown; Elza, who married Giles Cook and died at Albany; Lucia Maria, widow of William Stayner, resides in Minden; William; and Lucius Putnam, who went south before the war, and has not since been heard from. The parents of William, our subject, removed to Minden when he was five years old. He received a common school education and taught school until 1867, when he engaged in market gardening, which he now carries on. He married Anna Jane Snyder, and has five children: Mary Eliza, William Augustus, Lucius Prescott, Anna Maude, and Howard Farley.

Houpt, Ferdinand J., Glen, one of four children of Alpheus F. and Sabrina (Odell) Houpt, was born in the town of Dryden, Tompkins county, the other children being Mary J., Ella (Mrs. J. W. Hiles of Dryden), Letitia (Mrs. I. W. Sharpstine), who is now dead. The grandfather was Philip Houpt of Dryden. F. J. Houpt was married June 8, 1887, to Carrie Putman, daughter of John V. and Mary K. (Van Buren) Putman of Glen, she being one of two children, the other being Abram V. Putman. They have two children: Mabel L. and Victor P. Houpt. Mr. Houpt engaged in railroad business in 1880 as station agent and telegraph operator and continued it until 1887, when he became a dealer in hay, a business he is still engaged in. He is a member of the firm of Lunney & Houpt, having their headquarters in New York.

Hill, Arthur, Canajoharie, was born on the old homestead, near the village of Ames, July 28, 1852, a son of Gifford A. and Harriet (Lansing) Hill. The early life of Arthur was spent on the old farm. He received his education in the Ames Academy, and in the Hungerford Institute of Jefferson county, and Fort Plain Seminary. He left school at the age of twenty, and taught school for three terms. January 26, 1879, he married Essie Vosburgh, daughter of Jacob and Almira (Gardenier) Vosburgh of Flat Creek. At this time he moved to Canajoharie, where he engaged in the produce business, continuing three years, and then bought the livery business of S. A. Field, which he conducted for eight years. He then returned to the produce business, which he still follows. He is an active worker in the Republican party, and in the spring of 1892 he was elected by the largest majority of any man on the ticket, to the office of highway commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Canajoharie Methodist church.

Hill, Charles G., Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie, June 10, 1862, and is a son of Gifford and Harriet (Lansing) Hill. Squire Hill, the great-grandfather, was born in Scotland and came to this country previous to the revolution, bringing his wife and nine children, five sons and four daughters. They settled on this farm and it has ever since been in the hands of the Hill family, being now four generations. Squire Hill was an officer in the revolution. His wife was Dorothy, daughter of Ebenezer and Sabrina (Whittaker) Walker of Rehoboth. They had these children: Bethiah, born in 1772; Zaccheus, Ebenezer, William, Squire, Pliny, May, Elizabeth and Dorothy. Squire, the fourth son and grandfather of Charles G., was born in 1790 and married, January 31, 1811, Sarah Arthur of Lewis county; they were the parents of three children: Bradford, Pamelia and Gifford A. The latter was born April 4, 1824, and made his home on this farm. He was educated at Ames Academy and June 2, 1849, he married Harriet, daughter of Cornelius and Lydia (Reed) Lansing of Saratoga county, and they had six children, all of whom are living: Audella, wife of Dewitt Hills of Herkimer county; Arthur, born July 28, 1851; Pamelia, wife of Irving J. Simmons of Canajoharie; Lydia, wife of Jay Vosburg of Flat Creek; Flora E., who lives at home; and Charles G., our subject, who conducts the old homestead, a fine place of about 200 acres, nearly all under cultivation for hay, grain and dairy products.

Hees, J. Ledie, Mohawk, son of Jacob and Frances (Spraker) Hees, was born January 24, 1862. He was educated at Fort Plain Institute and at Pine Plains, preparatory to a college course, which he gave up for a lucrative position in New York when

seventeen years of age. He remained there until he was twenty-one, when he was appointed teller in the National Mohawk River Bank in Fonda, in which position he continued until 1885, when he was appointed cashier, being then the youngest cashier in the country. He still retains that office and under his care the bank dividends are as large as they were when interest was much higher—thus far the dividends indeed are ten per cent. per annum. He married, October 12, 1887, Adela S. Moore, daughter of George F. Moore of Detroit, and they maintain a very handsome domestic establishment. Mr. Hees is a director in the Fonda & Gloversville Electric Railroad, in which he holds the office of treasurer, and he enjoys public confidence to a degree rarely reposed in so young a financier.

Hodge, Augustus M., Palatine, was born in the town of Canajoharie, near Ames, December 3, 1836, and is a son of Abram and Caroline (Mills) Hodge. Abram (son of Reuben) was born in July, 1794, and was a carpenter and builder, having erected many houses in this town. The last work of the kind which he did was the building of the mill at Ames, after which he took the mill to operate, which business he followed for a number of years, retiring in 1844. He had five children: Orville, a retired merchant of Cobleskill; Mary M., widow of the late Dr. John H. Stafford of Canajoharie; Ellen P., wife of Horace Bush of Lowville; Emily, wife of E. H. Barnard of Fremont, Neb.; and Augustus M. Abram Hodge died in 1881, in his eighty-seventh year. The whole life of our subject has been spent in this town. He was educated at Ames and Lowville academies, and at the age of twenty he engaged as clerk with the firm of Bush & Stafford, druggists, who had just opened a store on the corner of Canal and Church streets. He continued with them for ten years, and then purchased the interest of Mr. Bush, making the firm name Hodge & Stafford. In 1870 the senior member sold his interest to his son, Charles T. Stafford, and the latter was a partner with Mr. Hodge for fourteen years, when he bought Mr. Hodge's interest in the stock, but after one year alone lost his health, and died in 1888. Mr. Hodge then re-purchased the stock and has since conducted the business alone. He has not taken any active interest in politics, his business absorbing his time and attention. In 1867 he married Helen O., daughter of the late Edwin Williams, and they have had three sons: William B., a student of Syracuse University; Albert Earl and Horace B. They are active members of the M. E. church, as are also the two older sons. Mr. Hodge is one of the trustees of the church, and president of the school board of Palatine Bridge. In 1882 he was elected president of the Montgomery County Bible Society, which position he held three years, and he has during his whole life been an earnest worker in all that tends to purify and elevate mankind.

Hubbs, Charles, Root, a native of Long Island, came to the town of Root about 1802 and settled on a farm near Rural Grove, there being but a small clearing at that time. His wife was Mariam Coffin, and their children were: Elizabeth, Jane, Mariam, Selah, Obadiah, Gideon, Hannah, David C., William C., and Charles. William C., the youngest son, was born in Half Moon, Saratoga county, and moved with his father to Root when about seven years old. He received a common school education, and lived on the farm where his father settled, until his death. He married Eleanor Edwards, of Charleston, and they had eight children, four sons and four daughters: Charles, Jemima,

Elizabeth A., Ruth, William N., Solomen E., David, and Hannah M. He was supervisor of the town and held other offices. He was a Democrat, and took an active part in politics. Charles Hubbs, oldest son of W. C., was born July 6, 1817, and resided on the farm with his father until of age. He received a common school education and after leaving home taught school two years. He then entered the store of John Bowditch, where spent several years, first as clerk and then as partner. He then sold out his interest and remained in the store as clerk several years. He was town clerk two years, was supervisor nine years, and a member of the legislature in 1850. In 1858 he married Mary J., daughter of Henry Van Buren and Elizabeth (Van Valkenburgh) Van Buren, his wife. Mr. Hubbs has been justice of the peace twelve years, and notary public since 1873.

Hazelton, Major John F., Canajoharie, was born at Chester, Rockingham county, N. H., May 9, 1833. He was educated in Union College, from which he graduated in the class of 1860. He then engaged in the practice of law, but left that to raise a company of troops at Columbus, Wis., in July, 1862. He went into service with the Twenty-Third Wisconsin Volunteers as captain of Company G. He saw service with the Army of Tennessee under Gen. A. J. Smith, and was at the siege of Vicksburg. After the surrender of that place Captain Hazelton was appointed by President Lincoln major and assistant quartermaster and assigned to the Second Brigade, Third Division of the Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac. In 1864 he was assigned to the Second Division of this Corps, where he remained until the close of the war, after which he continued with the general army for six months, doing duty at Fort Larned, Kan. He is an honored member of Farrell Post, No. 61, G. A. R. After the war he resumed the practice of law for a short time at Albany, and a few months in Fulton county. In the spring of 1867 he moved into Schoharie county, locating at Esperance, where he practiced until July, 1878. While there he held the office of deputy collector of internal revenue for Schoharie county. He was appointed in 1867, and resigned in 1878, when he was appointed by President Hayes consul of the United States to Genoa (Italy), which position he held for five years, and in 1883 was appointed by President Arthur consul to Hamilton (Canada) where he remained until June 1, 1885. Major Hazelton married, January 14, 1864, Harriet E. Isham of Esperance, and their union has been blessed by one son, Henry L., a reporter on the *New York Advertiser*. In 1887 Major Hazelton became half owner and editor of the *Canajoharie Radii*. He owns one of the finest dwellings in town.

Huston, Hiram L., Canajoharie, was born on the 8th of February, 1845, in Boston, Mass., and is a son of Hiram and Mary L. (Stetson) Huston, both families of old New England stock. The father was a manufacturer. Mr. Huston's early life was spent in Boston and at the age of fifteen years he entered Columbia College, from which he graduated with the class of 1864. In the years 1865 and 1866 he traveled in Europe, and studied in the University of Heidelberg for about fifteen months. He began the study of law in New York, where he was admitted to the bar in 1868 and practiced there until 1873, when he came to Canajoharie and now is one of the leading members of his profession in the county, having been for six years assistant district attorney. He is a Democrat and a Free Mason. On the 28th of November, 1877, he married Anna, daughter of John and Catherine (Cowenhoven) Dillenback of Canajoharie.

Hees, Johannes, Palatine, was born in Holland, March 4, 1743, and came to America in 1763, settling at Walkill, Ulster county. After a few years he came to Palatine and settled in Stone Arabia. He was an extensive farmer and merchant, carrying on two stores at the time of his death. He was well educated, and being a man of deep piety was often called upon to officiate at funerals and also to preach, frequently going a long distance to fill some vacant pulpit. His children were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Elizabeth. He died August 13, 1802. His first wife was Maria Christine; his second was Eva Coppernoll. Jacob, the third son of Johannes, was born at Stone Arabia and married Elizabeth Lipe. He owned a farm on the banks of the Mohawk. He was a Democrat, and served one term in the legislature; was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1821; was an elder in the Reformed church, and also a leading man and financier. His children numbered twelve. He died in 1840, his wife surviving him twenty-five years. Abraham, third son of Jacob, was born April 11, 1811, on the old farm in Palatine, where he lived and died. He was educated in the Canajoharie Academy and read law with Judge Daniel Cady of Johnstown, and Millard Fillmore of Buffalo. He was master in chancery under Governor Wright, and was district attorney and United States commissioner, which latter office he held at the time of his death, February 28, 1884. He practiced law over fifty years. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party, and was an elder for many years in the Reformed church. He married Maria Smith of Palatine, by whom he had six children, all deceased except the oldest, Jacob. John, the third son, served in the Nineteenth New York Regiment (afterwards the Third Artillery), going in as private and coming out as captain. He died from disease brought on by exposure in the army, February 28, 1874. Jacob, son of Abraham, was born July 23, 1835, on the old homestead. He was educated in the public schools and at Canajoharie Academy. In 1852 he began as clerk for W. Baker & Co., and in 1856 became a member of the firm, remaining until 1860. In 1866 he began the clothing business at Fonda, which he has continued to the present time. In 1857 he married Frances Spraker of Fonda, and her death occurred September 26, 1886. They had two children, Maria Louise, wife of A. S. Colvin, editor of the Glens Falls *Daily Times*, and James Ledlie, cashier of the National Mohawk River Bank of Fonda. October 10, 1888, Jacob Hees married Maranda Gifford Rosa, formerly of Wisconsin. The family are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Hees has in his possession the ancient German Bible which Johannes Hees brought with him from the fatherland, and which, with the Prayer Book and Hymnal, formed his library. It contains the family record in German, and with the death of each child is inscribed a brief and appropriate prayer. This Bible is one of the oldest in the Mohawk valley, and is a very precious heirloom.

Horn, Jacob J., St. Johnsville, son of Adam and Gertrude (Zay) Horn, was born October 29, 1849, in Germany, and received his education in this country at Fort Plain. At the age of fifteen he began business with his father in the mill. He married, February 28, 1872, Harriet, daughter of George and Maria (Snyder) Pickard, of English origin, and they have one child, Helen E., a bright young lady, and the first to graduate from the St. Johnsville High School. The parents of Jacob J. were natives of Germany (near Darmstadt), the father born in 1822 and the mother in 1827. They

were married in October, 1848, and July 4, 1850, landed in New York, having been seven weeks on the ocean. Adam Horn was one of a family of six children, several of whom came to this country and settled. His wife was a daughter of John Jacob Zay, who served in the army under Napoleon I. Adam located with his wife at Fort Plain, and worked at milling until the fall of 1864, when he came to St. Johnsville, and with Joseph Goeser rented a mill. In 1865 Mr. Horn took the mill for two years, afterwards purchasing it and continued to operate it until his death in 1884. He was a member of F. and A. M., also of the Lutheran church. He reared five children: Jacob J., Fredolin, Mary, Lizzie, and Gertrude.

Johnson, William H., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam June 23, 1843, and is a son of David B. and Maria (Quilhot) Johnson. David B. came to this county from Columbia county in 1838, and located near the West Amsterdam Lutheran church, where William H. was born. His early life was spent on the farm and attending the district school until he was eighteen years old. In 1869 he came to Tribes Hill, where he engaged as clerk with James B. Bailey, which position he held until 1884, when he bought out Mr. Bailey and conducted the store alone two years, when Mr. Bailey bought a half interest with him. February 16, 1882, he married Sarah E. Holley, daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth R. (Jones) Holley of this town. Mr. Johnson is one of a family of ten children; five are now living: Sarah M., now Mrs. Stephen Wilde; Mary A., now Mrs. Jacob Fonda of Amsterdam; David B., jr.; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Charles Wilde, and William H., our subject. Their father died in 1887, seventy-two years of age, and their mother died in 1863. Mr. Johnson has been a very successful business manager, and is interested in one of the largest and best general stores in the town of Amsterdam. He is one of the solid citizens of Tribes Hill.

Johnson, Eleazer W., sr., Amsterdam, was born on the 21st of January, 1840, at Johnstown, and was educated at Claverack. In early boyhood he assisted his father about the hotel and was a farmer about fifteen years, and the past ten years he, associated with his son, has kept a livery in this city. He has been married twice, first on the 27th of September, 1858, to Lois Potter of Johnstown, by whom he had four children, two sons and two daughters: A. Sarah, Rodney H., Eleazer W., jr., and Elizabeth A. Mrs. Johnson died on the 30th of December, 1876. For his second wife he married Emma Batchelor of this city. They have two daughters, Mary and Lellia. Mr. Johnson's father was born in the year 1813, at Yonker Hill in this town, and married Ann S. Wells of Johnstown. They had one son, Eleazer W.

Johnson, Richard G., M. D., Amsterdam, was born on the 13th of January, 1859, in the town of Florida, and was educated in the public schools and Hudson River Institute. He graduated from the Medical University of Pennsylvania of Philadelphia in the year 1883 and began to practice in the city of Amsterdam. On the 20th of March, 1889, he married Laura D., only daughter of Joseph and Lucretia Peck of this city. His father, John Q. Johnson, was born at Minaville, in Florida, about the year 1824, and married Jennie A. Still of the town of Glen. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters: Jacob J., book-keeper for John Van Antwerp; Henry A., livery and boarding stables; Richard G.; James A. is a book-keeper for a firm in Herkimer; Kate S.,

third child and oldest daughter living, resides at home. Two daughters died in infancy.

Jones, James V., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p' o., was born about fifty rods from where he now lives, and came here when he was but seven years of age to live with his grandfather, Samuel Jones. The latter came from Orange, N. J., and bought this place in 1794 when he was about twenty-seven years old. Samuel Jones was the father of six children: Mary; Lewis; Cornelius; Cyrus; Eveline; and Jane Annie. The second son, Lewis, was the father of our subject, and was born October 11, 1794. He always lived on the old farm, and in 1819 he married Sarah Hayes of Galway, Saratoga county. Her ancestors were also from Jersey. They were the parents of four children: Mary A., born May 19, 1850; Julia A., born September 11, 1821; James V., born April 4, 1824, S. Chester, born April 19, 1825. The third, James V. (the subject of our sketch) has always lived on the old homestead. May 30, 1850, he married Angelica Van Allen, daughter of John and Margaret (Putnam) Van Allen, and a granddaughter of Adam and Eve Van Allen. Their union has been blessed with two children, but both are now deceased. A grandchild of ten years (William James Jones) is the only descendant of this old Montgomery county family. Mrs. Jones died December 14, 1891, aged seventy, and their son, Edwin L., died January 11, 1884, aged thirty-three, and their other son died in 1854 when only one year old.

Jenkins George W., Minden, was born in Pamelia, Jefferson county, August 15, 1846, and was the second son in a family of five children of Peter J. and Naomi (McDaniel) Jenkins. His father was a native of the town of Danube, Herkimer county, and when he was eight years of age his father removed to Jefferson county. He is engaged at present as a jeweler at Sac City, Iowa. George W. obtained his education at the district schools of his native town, and in his early life he engaged in the mercantile business. At the age of twelve years he became a clerk in a general store at Pamelia, which was carried on by his father under the firm name of P. J. Jenkins. During the age of fourteen and eighteen he carried the mail between Pamelia Four Corners and Evans's Mills, a distance of three and a half miles. While performing this work he missed only one trip, which was owing to a heavy rain storm in the spring of the year, which rendered the roads impassable. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Co. I, One Hundred Eighty-sixth N. Y. Vols., which was raised at Sackett's Harbor, and was mustered out of service in June, 1865. Previous to his enlistment he had given up mercantile pursuits and engaged in farming in Pamelia. In 1868 he removed to Minden and carried on farming until 1874. In the latter year he purchased the store property of Henry Sanders at Minden, opening a general store, in which he has since been engaged. In connection with his store he runs a supply cart in the towns of Danube, Stark and Minden, covering a radius of twelve miles from his place of business. In politics a Republican, he has been postmaster at Minden since 1878. He married Ticy, daughter of Alfred B. Davis, and they have one child, Flora, wife of Fayette Cronkhite of Minden.

Jackson, John Charles, Minden, was born in Marcellus, Onondaga county, September 17, 1864, and is the oldest son in a family of four children of Amos and Julia (Holcomb)

Jackson. After attending the district schools he became a student at the Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., from which he graduated in 1885. He studied medicine with Dr. Edmund Carleton, professor of surgery at the Woman's College and Hospital of New York, and took a course of study at the New York Homeopathic Medical College, from which he graduated in 1888. He commenced the practice of his profession in the latter year in Syracuse, where he remained about four months, and in the summer of 1888 came to Fort Plain, where he has since practiced. He is a Democrat in politics. He married Ida, daughter of Harvey E. Wagner of Canajoharie.

Jones, George, Mohawk, son of Jeremiah and Electa Curray Jones, was born in Claverack, Columbia county, July 19, 1837. He received his education at the common schools and Greene County Academy. He began his business life as clerk in a store where he remained two years, after which he spent three years selling tobacco. In the spring of 1869 he came to Fonda and engaged with Ambrose Fritts in the bottling business. He later established a fish, oyster and fruit market. In the spring of 1880 he bought the Fonda Bottling Works, and now has the largest concern of the kind between Albany and Utica. He has been president of the village two years, president of the water board two years and supervisor in 1878 and 1892; he is a Republican and takes an active interest in politics. He is a member of Lodge 218 of the Odd Fellows at Johnstown. He married Anna C. Stickles, and they have four children: Gernon L., Lizzie M., Harry and William.

Kline, Oliver S., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Florida, March 10, 1853, and received an academic education; was a teacher for nine years, since he has been a merchant and now is in the hardware business with Isaac J. De Graff under the firm name of De Graff & Kline. June 12, 1883, he married Martha A., youngest daughter of Alexander and Harriet Dorn of Princetown, Schenectady county; they have three children, two sons and one daughter: Alexander D., Harold J., and Olive M. Mr. Kline's father, Joseph, was born at West Amsterdam, March 28, 1819; he married Jeannette M. Staley of the town of Rotterdam; they had seven children, three sons and four daughters: Geroe G., Andrew J., Oliver S., Nancy, Mary J., Harriet and Ella A. The Kline family came from Holland and were among the early settlers in this alley. The ancestry of the family is Dutch, Scotch and Irish.

Kessler Family, The.—John Keesler, a native of Germany, formerly lived where the village of Fort Plain is now located. He was a weaver, and died in the western part of this State. He married Rowena Waffle and their children were: Peter, Adam, Margaret, Nancy, Christopher and John. The latter was born in Minden January 10, 1810, and married, February 14, 1830, Elizabeth Walrath. There children were, George, who died at Chittenango; Peter P.; Elizabeth, wife of Christopher Lipe of Palatine; Nancy, widow of William Martin, lives in Minden; Avrela, wife of Ferdinand Smith of Fort Plain; Sena, wife of George Kahler of Big Flats; Henry; Matilda, married John Abbott, and died in Minden; Serena, wife of Edward S. Wagner of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Clara, wife of Barney Walrath of Fort Plain; Mary Jane, wife of Menzo Smith of Fort Plain; John and John W., both died young; and Edgar C., who was born July 8, 1858, and married Mary, daughter of Sylvester Moyer, and has three children; Lula, Mabel E., and Edgar S. John died in Minden December 25, 1863.

Kimball, Professor Julius W., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Duaneburg, August 14, 1844; he was educated in the public school and prepared for the academic course, but at the age of eighteen he enlisted in Company C, 14th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and during his service, from the battle of the Wilderness to the fall of Petersburg, he never failed to respond to roll call; he participated in the following battles: Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor, siege of Petersburg, Poplar Grove Church, Pegram Farm, Hatcher's Run, and Fort Steadman, where he was taken prisoner March 25, 1865. For a short time he suffered the horrors of Libby prison at Richmond. From September, 1864, until March, 1865, he served in the color guard and for a short time carried the regimental flag. After his return from Libby prison he was promoted to sergeant and was detailed to act as sergeant-major of the battalion. He afterwards received a second lieutenant's commission in recognition of good conduct as a soldier, and was honorably discharged on the 26th of August, 1865. Returning from the army, he resumed his studies at Starkey Seminary, Eddytown, Yates county, until 1869, when his father received a stroke of paralysis. This misfortune compelled him to return home and care for his father, which he faithfully did until he died in February, 1875. As the principal of the Burtonville school, Professor Kimball was ranked among the first teachers in Montgomery county. In the fall of 1876 he moved to Amsterdam and accepted the principaship of School No. 8. He ranks among the foremost of popular instructors in the Mohawk valley where he has for years been prominently identified with educational interests, an intelligent, capable and enthusiastic superintendent and instructor, so recognized by the citizens of Amsterdam in general, and the patrons of the school in particular. Since 1876 much has been accomplished, and to his individual effort much praise is due in raising the schools to their high standard of efficiency. He has been president of the Montgomery County Teachers' association, and was unanimously elected president of the State Teachers' association at its meeting at Elizabethtown, Essex county, in 1887. Professor Kimball is, in the best sense of the word, a self-made man, and his example to the rising generation is of practical value as illustrating the lofty possibilities of American citizenship. He is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., and has been its master; also of E. S. Young Post No. 33, G. A. R., of the department of New York, and has been its commander. October 5, 1880, he married Belle C., youngest daughter of Robert and Mary (Chesney) McBride of Philadelphia; they have two sons: Wallace MacBride and Robert Almon.

Kline, James W., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam July 20, 1813, and was educated in the public schools and worked at farm work until he was eighteen years old; afterwards he learned the carpenter's trade and became a contractor and builder until 1845, when he became a general store-keeper at Tribes Hill, under the firm name of Kline & McDonald. In 1857 he went to Fultonville and carried on mercantile business under the firm of Wilson & Kline for some years, when he moved to Amsterdam carrying on the same business under the firm of Kline & Warwick. In 1864 he was elected sheriff of Montgomery county for three years; and was supervisor of the town of Amsterdam in 1887, 1888, 1889. In 1874 he was re-elected sheriff and moved to Fonda. January 20, 1842, he married Ann, second daughter of Fisher and Jane Putman of Tribes Hill; they have had two sons: Stephen H. and William P.,

both of whom are dead. Mr. Kline's father, William, was born in Oneida county about the year 1779, and married Angelica Teller of Schenectady; they had ten children, seven grew to adult age: James W., Cornelius, Adam W., Perry, Susan, now Mrs. Felthousen of Milwaukee; two died, Stephen and Sandy. The ancestry of the family is of German and Holland Dutch. Mr. Kline resides here, living a retired life.

Kline, Adam W., Amsterdam, was born on the 5th of February, 1818, in Amsterdam and was educated in the public schools of that day. In early life he was a carpenter, but has been a merchant and manufacturer. At one time he was president of the First National bank, was supervisor one year in the town of Florida, and served two terms as supervisor of Amsterdam. He was elected state senator for the sessions of 1866-67 and was chairman of the committees on trade and manufacturers and on roads and bridges, and served on the committee on banks; he also was appointed on a special committee on federal relations where he took an active stand and offered the following resolutions: "*Resolved*, That in the present crisis of National affairs it becomes all loyal men to exercise wisdom, prudence and moderation in the discussion and settlement of public measures. *Resolved*, That by the amendment to the Constitution the perfect liberty of all people, of whatever race or color, and their equality before the law, are guaranteed in every portion of the Union, and the power to enforce such liberty and equality is conferred; that this power should be exercised by the passage of appropriate laws for the protection of the freedmen from oppression, and the unflinching enforcement of those laws, if necessary by the entire power of the Federal administration in those States which seek to interfere with or contravene this enlightened principle of the fundamental law. *Resolved*, That denying the dogma that a State can die or that it can secede, we are in favor of the admission in Congress of representatives and senators from every State in the Union, whenever it shall appear that they are unmistakably loyal, that they have been elected in accordance with the Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof, and that they can comply with the established tests, and not otherwise. *Resolved*, That recognizing in those principles a common ground upon which the President and Congress may stand, supported by the controlling loyal sentiment of the country, we declare our trust in the fidelity of the President to the great principles he was elected to represent, and our confidence that the Union members of Congress are honestly seeking to establish those principles in wise and prudent action; that in a united Executive and Congress, we feel assured will be found ample security for the interests, the honor and welfare of the country and of all classes of its people." He was also for a time treasurer of the county. On the 22d of February, 1844, he married Bata A. Simons of Florida, whose family came from New England. They had three children, two sons and one daughter: Harlan Page, who was well educated and was mayor of Amsterdam and held other public offices and was one of Amsterdam's wide-awake business men. He married Delia Bennett of Amsterdam, by whom he had one son who lived, named Harold B. Harlan Page Kline died on the 28th of February, 1891, mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and Mrs. Kline, his widow, is living in Hartford, Conn., where she is educating her son. Perry H. Kline, the other son, was an attorney-at-law and resided at home,

but died while this work was in progress. The daughter is Jessie E., who married Charles Hubbs. Mr. Adam W. Cline is living a retired life in the city that he helped to build and prosper. He has the sympathy of the public in his recent bereavements.

Kyle, Rev. Joshua R., Amsterdam, was born on the 2d of August, 1834, in Greene county, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools and Miami University, from which he graduated in 1859. He is also a graduate of the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Xenia, O. He is now and has been for the past twelve years pastor of the Reformed church in the Fifth ward of Amsterdam. He has been married twice, first on the 25th of September, 1867, to Jennie M. Ostrom of West Charlton, and they had three living children: Grace O., Mary J. and Jennie O. Mrs. Kyle died on the 3d of March, 1878. On the 16th of February, 1881, he married Hattie Ostrom. Mr. Kyle's father (Samuel) was born in the year 1777, near Chambersburgh, Pa., and when quite young moved with his parents to Kentucky. He married twice, first to Ruth Mitchel of that state, and moved to Ohio soon after his marriage in 1802. They had six children. Mrs. Kyle died about the year 1813. For his second wife he married Rachel Jackson of Pennsylvania. They had fifteen children, nine sons and six daughters, namely: Jane, Robert, Ruth, James, William, Thomas, John, Joanna, Henry, Joshua R. and Ellen (twins), Roland and Martha (twins), Hugh J. and Mary.

Kaufman, William H., Amsterdam, was born October 6, 1855, in Hagenburg, Furstenthum, Schaumburg, Lippe. His father was architect and builder for Duke George of the above place. The son received his education in the public schools until his ninth year; he then entered the private schools until his thirteenth year, and then entered the Military Music school in Buckeburg and remained from March, 1869, till July, 1872, when he took his papers of release, and was recommended to the marine band of Washington, D. C. On the 14th of September, 1872, he sailed from Bremen to the United States, arriving in New York on the 25th of September, and at once started for Washington. He presented his papers to Professor Snyder, then band leader, and was admitted, but when examined by the marine surgeon, he was registered as not being up to the required physical standard. He then procured work with a confectioner and caterer in Georgetown (Martin Hebner), who offered him a better position in his business as caterer for the White House, which he had charge of from 1873 until 1879, when James Breslin (of the Gilsey House, New York) gave him charge of the pastry and cooks of the Netterwood House, New Jersey. He is a member in good standing of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., and has taken the 32d degree. He is a member of the board of trade, and other organizations, is treasurer of the Knights of Pythias, joint board, the Chuctenunda, Woodbine, and Berliner lodges, and is present chairman of the board of trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, and treasurer of its congregation. He is also treasurer for the Royal Arcanum No. 1,259. On May 8, 1883, he married Minnie, daughter of Rev. Dr. G. L. Rietz of Amsterdam. They have two daughters, Minnie and Nellie. He started business in Amsterdam May 10, 1884, as confectioner and caterer for weddings and parties.

Kinsley, Collins A., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Ballston, Saratoga county, April 23, 1835, and is a son of Abiel and Charity (Dickson) Kinsley.

Abiel, the father of our subject, was born and brought up in Connecticut and came to Saratoga county about 1815; he was a patriot soldier in the war of 1812 and received two wounds, which made him an invalid during his lifetime. He died in February, 1847, leaving five children, of whom three are living: Horton H., in California; Mrs. Alma Fostmire of Mayfield, Fulton county; and Collins A., our subject. His parents moved to Fulton county when Collins was six years old, where he received an education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he went west where he traveled extensively, operating saw-mills, until 1862, when our country called for volunteers to quell the rebellion. In July of that year he enlisted in the Ninth Michigan Cavalry. At first this regiment was put in the Fourth Corps under General Burnside, and his first service was seen on the Morgan raid into Pennsylvania. He was also in the battle at Cumberland Gap, and having been placed in the army of Tennessee he was also in the siege of Knoxville. His regiment was then ordered to Nashville, where they were furnished fresh horses and then ordered under Sherman in his famous march to the sea; stopping by the way to drive the rebels from Atlanta. He was under General Francis Kilpatrick the remainder of the march. He was at the battle of Savannah, and also at Aiken, Ga., where he was wounded in the leg. At the close of the war he went back to Michigan, where he remained two years, then going into Wisconsin, Minnesota, and from there to Missouri where he stayed three years, coming back to Fulton county in 1872, where he opened a grocery and provision store, which he conducted for two years, then going to Perth, and starting a store which was burned one year later. He rebuilt, however, and the next year he sold out and moved to Hageman's Mills, where he joined I. P. Benn until 1884, when he built the fine residence where he now lives. January 31, 1872, he married Mary A. Bishop of Mayfield; they were the parents of one child who lived but three years, Alvah H., born March 12, 1873, died January 12, 1876.

Kline, George J., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam on what is known as the old George Kline farm, May 8, 1846, and is a son of John G. and Mary (Clark) Kline. John G. was a son of George, who was also a native of this country, a son of John Kline who came hither from Holland and located in this town, and held a grant from George the Third for a square mile of land on the north side of the Mohawk river. His son George was his third child, born in 1783. He married Sarah Van Ness, by whom he had nine children; two are living: Jane Walter of Amsterdam, and Catherine Plantz of Johnstown. John G., the second son, married in 1845 and was the father of two children, John (deceased), and our subject, George J. Mr. Kline was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam, and lived with his mother (after his father's death, October 7, 1850), until his marriage to Susan Quilhot, September 28, 1871. In 1876 he bought the farm of ninety-five acres where he now lives, known as the Stoller farm, to which he has added many improvements, making it one of the prettiest and best in the northern part of the town. He is the father of three children: Elizabeth, born January 9, 1873; Mary A., born July 24, 1880, and Belle, born April 6, 1882.

Kellogg, Dayton Smith, was born in Cornwall, Litchfield county, Conn., and is the youngest son of John and Polly (Clark) Kellogg. For several years he received private

instruction from Rev. Herman Daggett, formerly principal of the Foreign Mission School at Cornwall. This school was founded by the American Board of Foreign Missions for the purpose of educating missionaries for the foreign field. The first missionaries to the Sandwich Islands were educated there. He afterwards attended the Cornwall Seminary, which for years was in charge of the Rev. E. W. Andrews, who afterward became pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle. Graduating from this school, he became a teacher, and was for two years principal of Union Academy, Springfield, N. J. He then went to New York and studied dentistry with several of the most eminent dentists of the country, including Drs. Harvey and John Burdell, and Solyma and Augustus Brown. In 1845 he came to Fort Plain to visit his friend, Rev. Thomas Armitage, who was then in charge of the Methodist church of Fort Plain, and was induced to settle there and open a dental office. He at once acquired a very lucrative and successful practice which has continued to the present time. He was the first resident dentist in that section of the Mohawk valley. In 1854 he became editor and part proprietor of the *Mohawk Valley Register*, which he conducted as an independent journal for several years. In 1880 he inaugurated an enterprise which was instrumental in giving to Fort Plain a large number of its most elegant residences. By cutting a street along the face of Prospect Hill, at a great expenditure of labor and capital, and bridging the Otsquago creek at the foot of Centre street, he made this beautiful eminence (which overlooks the most beautiful portion of the Mohawk valley) accessible and very desirable for residences. Dr. Kellogg is of the eighth generation from Lieut. Samuel Kellogg, one of the brothers who emigrated from England in 1640. Joseph Kellogg settled in Hadley, Mass.; Daniel in Norwalk, Conn., and Samuel in Hatfield, Mass. The late Loyal C. Kellogg, for thirteen years chief justice of Vermont, Gov. William Pitt Kellogg and Clara Louise Kellogg are descendants of the same branch. Judge Kellogg, who graduated at Yale College in 1763, and who for thirty-two years was in public life, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, as he was also of the late Judge Frederick Kellogg, who died at Cornwall in August, 1891, in his ninetieth year, after long service of the public in various capacities. The offices of probate judge and court of record have been in the Kellogg family for more than one hundred years, and are still held by Philo Kellogg of Cornwall. John Kellogg, the father of our subject of this sketch, was an old school Democrat, and was one of the seven in the town who stood together on political questions for several years under the "stand up" law of Connecticut. Dr. Kellogg married Hannah, daughter of David and Mary Waddell of Mariaville, N. Y. In her early childhood she evinced a precocious intellect, a love of learning, and a great fondness for books. She attended Mrs. Willard's school at Troy, and afterwards graduated from the State Normal School at Albany with honors, being chosen to write the parting song at the close of the session. At the opening of the Fort Plain Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute she was one of the first of the 513 students under Principal J. E. King, now of Fort Edward Institute, and was at the close of the first collegiate year the first and only graduate. She then accepted the position of teacher of languages and higher English in the school, and became preceptress under Rev. J. E. Latimer, late dean of Boston Theological University, which position she filled with great ability until her marriage in 1858. Mrs. Kel-

logg died August 7, 1890. Their only child, J. Willie Waddell Kellogg, died November 2, 1867, at the age of about a year and a half.

Kelly, George, Canajoharie, was born near Sprakers, in the town of Root, March 25, 1847, and is a son of Charles R. and Gertrude (Stowitts) Kelly. The first of this family that can be traced was Ebenezer Kelly, who was a native of Dutchess county, where he was born October 27, 1782. He married Susan Viel and they were the parents of four children: Dean, George, Charles R. and Eliza. Mrs. Kelly died May 3, 1822, aged thirty-seven years, and he married for his second wife Abigail Legg. She died December 21, 1840. Mr. Kelly died August 16, 1865. Charles R., the youngest son, was born December 24, 1806, in Herkimer county near Middleville. He learned the carpenter's trade and married, in March, 1842, Gertrude Stowitts of Root. In 1837 his people moved to Root, where they remained until 1849, when Charles R., in company with George (his brother), bought the farm where the subjects of this sketch have since resided. Charles R. was the father of three children: Carrie E., wife of Oscar Van Evera; Mary E., wife of C. W. Nipe of Frankfort, Herkimer county, and George, our subject. George was but two years old when his parents moved on the farm where he has since lived. He was educated at Sprakers and Canajoharie Academy, and assisted his father on the farm until his death, which occurred September 15, 1874, and since then he has conducted the farm for himself. April 8, 1891, he married Ada Lehman, daughter of John and Anna (McLoughlin) Lehman. They have one child, Charles L., born March 24, 1892. Mrs. Kelly is a member of the Reformed church at Sprakers.

Klinkhart, John, Canajoharie, was born in the town of Canajoharie, August 31, 1843, and is a son of Amos. He was educated in the public school, and when about seventeen he took his father's place in the distillery at St. Johnsburg, which position he filled for two years. August 30, 1862, he enlisted in the 153d N. Y. Volunteers, being mustered in October 18, 1862. He first saw service in the Red River campaign under General Banks, at the battles of Pleasant Hill, Sabine Cross Roads, Atchalaafaya, and Mausura Plains. After this campaign they were ordered to the Shenandoah valley, and under General Sheridan were in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek. His regiment was then ordered to Savannah, where they served the remainder of their enlistment. They were mustered out of service October 18, 1865, landing in Canajoharie on that date just three years from the day they left home. After his return he assisted his father one year and then conducted a farm in the eastern part of the town for eight years. He then bought the farm where he now resides. December 4, 1867, he married Mary L., daughter of Christopher Spear of State Bridge, Oneida county, and they have had four children: Willis L., born September 13, 1868; Amelia M., born November 24, 1871; J. Amos, born December 19, 1874; and Ida May, born May 29, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Klinkhart are active members of the German Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Klinkhart has held the office of trustee for four years.

Lewis, Peter J., Amsterdam, was born in West Galway, Fulton county, November 25, 1836, and was educated in the public schools and studied law with Sacia & Smith of this city; he was admitted to the bar in 1867 and to the United States bar in 1888 and has always practiced in Amsterdam. He was a close student and attained a high de-

gree of efficiency in his profession and is a member of the State Bar Association. July 19, 1875, he married Anna Parkhill of Elmira, a school teacher of that city and the ceremony was performed there in the First Methodist Church. Mr. Lewis died January 10, 1892, mourned by a host of professional and other friends. Mrs. Lewis's father, Hamilton B. Parkhill, was born in Steuben county and married Angeline Earnest of the town of Florida, and had seven children: Elizabeth, Charlotte, Mary, Angeline, Delos L., Alberta and Annah.

Lindsay, William, Amsterdam, Rockton p. o., was born in county Armagh, Ireland, November 4, 1859, and is a son of William and Martha (Totten) Lindsay, who came to this country in 1881 and first settled in Amsterdam where the family of fourteen children made their home, excepting Stewart, who died in September, 1884, and William, who came to Rockton in 1886. He had been educated in one of the regular schools of Ireland, and had spent five years apprenticeship in a grocery store, so when he came to Rockton he took up the business he was acquainted with and built and conducted a large grocery store which he sold March 1, 1892. While in the grocery store he began dealing in real estate, having built ten residences, five of which he still owns. He has worked hard and deserves all the success he has received. April 18, 1888, he married Elizabeth S. Ruman, daughter of Charles Ruman, who came from England about twenty years ago. Their union has been blessed with two children: Edna M., born September 10, 1889; Violet E., born March 21, 1892. Since he came here he has been in partnership with Mr. Austin in the ice business, also they have started the lime trade which is very successful. Mr. Lindsay has been very prosperous and he feels confidence in its continuance. He has held positions of honor and trust, has been postmaster since an office was opened in June, 1888; was town clerk in 1890; and a director of the New York Building and Loan Association.

Lewis, Sylvester D., Amsterdam, was born in Gorham, Ontario county, on the 3d day of April, 1828; was prepared for college at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, and graduated from Union College in 1857. He attended the Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1859 and practiced law at Avoca, Steuben county, several years, but this not being to his taste, he began the study of medicine at the Albany Medical College, graduating in 1866. He practiced medicine in the state of Illinois ten years. In the spring of 1876 he located at Amsterdam. On the 20th of August, 1857, he married Margaret E. Clute of Schenectady, who died April 29, 1888. He has two sons living: Francis D. and George G. The oldest is a graduate of Union College and is now private secretary of Congressman John Sanford. George G. is a graduate of Albany Medical College and in 1891 he went abroad to perfect his studies and was six months in Paris, and six months in Berlin, and is now in partnership with Dr. D. I. McMartin in Amsterdam.

Lohmeyer, Henry, Amsterdam, was born in Prussia, on the 27th of December, 1839, and was educated in the public schools of that country and at the age of fifteen his father gave him his time. He was the youngest of seven children and on the 6th of October, 1858, he came to America, landing at New York. He located in the Mohawk valley and worked for Aaron Pepper; he was always industrious and sober and has

now accumulated a fine property and enjoys life in travel and leisure. On the 4th of December, 1866, he married Martha A., only child living of John and Eva Taylor of the town of Florida, on what is known as the Taylor farm. Her father, John, was born on the 3d of August, 1782, in New Jersey; he married twice, first to Anna Voorhees about 1807, and came to Charleston in 1808; in the same year he bought a farm in the town of Florida and also conducted a tannery for many years. They had seven children, four grew to maturity, three sons and one daughter: Ruluff F., Keziah W., David H., and Joseph C. Mrs. Taylor died in the year 1823. On the 3d of July, 1824, for his second wife he married Eve Schuyler, who was born in New Jersey in 1787. They had three children and all grew to maturity: Martha A., Alice J., and Jacob S. John Taylor died on the 7th of June, 1864; Mrs. Taylor died on the 12th of January, 1884, aged ninety-seven. The ancestry of the family is English, Dutch and German.

Lutton, Mrs. John, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Amsterdam, May 1, 1834, and is a daughter of Jeremiah and Maria (De Graff) De Graff. (See De Graff biography.) Her early life was spent with her parents, she attending the district school at Manny's Corners. September 7, 1859, she married John Lutton, who came to this country in 1846 and settled in Amsterdam. Immediately after marriage they moved to Rochester where he rented a farm, remaining there fifteen years. Then they returned to Mrs. Lutton's birthplace, staying there two years, when they came to the large dairy farm of sixty-three acres where Mrs. Lutton now lives. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living: Fannie M., wife of Lewis Waterstreet of Amsterdam, was born December 2, 1860; Mary Alma, born May 24, 1868; Jessie G., born September 2, 1869; Elizabeth C., born May 28, 1871; Maggie De Graff, born November 10, 1873; Wales F., born January 11, 1875. John Lutton died October 17, 1890, aged sixty-two years.

Lester, James, Amsterdam p. o., was born in Ireland, March 17, 1815, and is a son of John and Mary (Montgomery) Lester. When his parents died (1837) James came to this country to try his fortune. He first settled in Albany, where he remained less than two years, when he came to Amsterdam. His first work was the assisting to enlarge the locks on the Erie canal. He left that work, moving on the farm where he now lives, which he then rented; in 1861 he bought the farm. April 10, 1842, he married Fannie Shannon of Albany. Three children live to bless their union: Mary J., born July 14, 1844; she is now Mrs. Greene of Amsterdam; John W., born March 11, 1857; and Louisa J., born March 13, 1859. Mr. Lester has been a very successful farmer, and having started with small capital he is now the owner of one of the best farms of eighty-four acres that can be found in this section, and says he knows how he came by it; it was done by his own hard work, ambition, and putting his money to good use. Mrs. Lester's memory of the first village of Amsterdam is very distinct, and she has seen it grow from a very small place to the present prosperous city.

Lutton, William, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in County Down, Ireland, December 25, 1832, and is a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Hare) Lutton. His father died when he was but a year old and his mother when he was only twelve. He

attended the public schools where he acquired education enough to answer him in his business. He came to this country in 1858, going directly to Hagaman's Mills where he worked by the day for about six years, when he bought nine acres of land on which he built his house and barns. July 22, 1859, he married Agnes Beatty of the same county in Ireland, who was one of his schoolmates. Their union has been blessed by six children, four of them living: Sarah J., born April 30, 1860; John, born December 4, 1861; Robert W., born April 5, 1863; Fannie, now Mrs. Frazer, born January 11, 1867. The names of those they mourn are George Albert, who died July 26, 1891, aged eighteen; and Rebecca, wife of B. Fitzgerald, who died April 18, 1892, aged twenty-seven. In 1874 he bought about seven acres to add to his little farm, and he with his happy family are comfortable and contented with their prosperity.

Luke, Mrs. Sarah C., Florida, daughter of Thomas and Caroline McClumphie, was born in the town of Florida on the 6th of June, 1843. She was married in 1870 to George B. Luke, son of Samuel Jackson Luke of the same town, where she has always lived. Mr. Luke died in 1880. There are five children, four of whom are Gilbert M., Carrie H., Frederick and Thomas J., living at home with their mother; Edwin T., the eldest, occupying a position of trust in the office of S. Sanford & Sons, carpet manufacturers, Amsterdam.

Lambert Family, The.—Peter, father of John P. Lambert, was one of the first to enlist in the revolutionary army. He resided and died in Minden. He married a Miss Lipe, and of their family there were two sons, John P. and Peter. The latter died in Canajoharie. John P. was born in Minden, and died in his native town in 1845, aged forty-five years. He married Margaret, daughter of Frederick Moyer, and their children were: Moyer, John, Peggy, wife of William Alpaugh of Minden; Peter, a resident of Minden; Moses, Anna Maria, who died single; David, Menzo, died young; Daniel Alfred, died young; Adam, who lives in Minden; and Nancy Catherine, wife of Wilber F. Timmerman of Johnstown. Moyer, the oldest in the family, was born in Minden, February 17, 1823, where he died on March 5, 1881. He married Sally, daughter of Jacob Walrath. Their five children were John, who died in Minden, leaving a widow and daughter, Melvina, wife of Abraham Wagner of Stark; Nancy Catherine, who died young; Menzo, and D. Etta, a school teacher in the Fort Plain public school. Menzo, son of Moyer, was born in Minden August 12, 1857, and married for his first wife, Alice Flanders, by whom he has two children, Bertha E. and Carrie E. His second wife was Emma Walrath, and they have one child, Earl Theodore. Mr. Lambert learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed till 1888, when, owing to the death of his brother, he had the care of the home farm.

Lighthall Family.—The first settler of this family in the Mohawk valley was Francis Lighthall, who came from Germany. He had six sons, viz.: Nicholas, John, Francis, Daniel, George and Abraham. George was born in Minden in 1797, and died in 1876. He married Betsey, daughter of Peter House, and they had thirteen children, one of whom died in infancy; the others were: Peter, Mary, who married Abraham Snyder, and died in Minden; Nancy, wife of Peter House of Minden; Daniel, who died in Minden; Sally, widow of Roswell Houpt; Catherine, died young; Eliza, married Edward

Bean, and died at Watertown; Margaret, wife of George White of Saratoga Springs; Delia, wife of John O'Brien of Watertown; Lavinia, married Milton Jones, and died at Watertown; Lucinda, wife of Peter Lints of East Schuyler; and John Lighthall of Saratoga Springs. Peter, the eldest of the above family, was born in Minden February 15, 1810, and married March 26, 1839. Eva, daughter of Peter Monk. She was born in Danube July 5, 1813. They have eight children: Katie, wife of Matthew Brohm of Minden; Nancy, wife of John Melick of East Albany; Mary, wife of Jephtha Hand of Stark; Martha, wife of Jerome Petrie of Danube; George, born in Minden April 15, 1849, married Luella Keller, and has two children, William, and Frank, who resided in Minden; Lizzie, wife of Frederick Detinger of Minden; Menzo, born in Minden July 5, 1853, married Carrie Bronner, and lives in Minden; Irving, born in Minden May 31, 1857, and married Cotha Bronner and lives in Minden.

Lambert, Emory E., Canajoharie, was born in Frey's Bush, Minden, March 29, 1859, and is a son of John and Mana (Dunkle) Lambert. The earliest ancestor of the family we can trace was John Lambert, grandfather of Emory E. He was a native of this county and married Margaret Moyer. They were the parents of eight children, of whom John, the father of Emory E., was the second. He was born July 9, 1824, and always lived in Minden. He married June 20, 1851, Maria, daughter of Abram Dunkle of Canajoharie, and they were the parents of two children: Edwin, who died September 24, 1888, aged thirty-six years, and Emory E. The early life of the latter was spent in the town of Minden, where he was educated in the common schools and assisted his father upon the farm until his marriage, which occurred January 30, 1884. His wife was Annie, a daughter of Ira and Nancy (Moyer) Dunkle. In 1888 Mr. Lambert bought the Wohlgenueth farm of 109 acres, which is considered one of the best in this town, the principal crops being hay and grain. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are active members of the Ames Methodist church.

Lasher, Arnold V., Canajoharie, was born in Stone Arabia May 20, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Vedder) Lasher. Sebastian Lasher, who was a native of the town of Hillsdale, Columbia county, resided at Stone Arabia, and was the father of several children, one of whom was the father of Arnold V. He married Phebe Vosburg, and they had five sons and five daughters, eight of whom are still living: Samuel, a farmer of Frey's Bush; Aaron, a retired blacksmith of Fort Plain; David, a farmer of Palatine; Henry, a farmer of Stone Arabia; Maria, widow of John Coppernoll of Fort Plain; Nancy, wife of Frank Bowers of Fort Plain; Lany, of Minden; and Clara, widow of Henry Smith of Nelliston. Samuel, the oldest son, was born in Stone Arabia in 1809, where his early life was spent. He married Harriet, daughter of John Vedder of Palatine, and they had seven children, five of whom survive: Agnes, wife of E. D. Evans of Gloversville; Irene, wife of Marvin Young of Frey's Bush; Gertrude, wife of Christian Wyngard of Frey's Bush; John, a farmer of Sharon; and Arnold V. His childhood was spent in Stone Arabia until the age of twelve, when his parents moved to Frey's Bush, where they have ever since lived. Arnold was educated in the common schools. August 25, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred Fifty Third Regiment N. Y. Volunteers, and first saw service under General Banks in Louisiana, at the battles of

Pleasant Hill and Sabine Cross Roads; he was also in the battle at Mausura Plains, at Winchester, September 19, 1864; at Cedar Creek October 19, 1864; at Fisher's Hill and at Opequan. He was mustered out October 17, 1865, being just three years to a day in service. Although in so many engagements, he received but one slight wound. After his return he married Almira Hastings, daughter of Joseph and Almira (Colman) Hastings of Sprout Brook, October 21, 1867, and they have one son, Stanley H., born June 7, 1872. After his marriage Mr. Lasher bought the farm where he now resides of Jacob Farqueharson, and he has since devoted his time to its cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Lasher are supporters of the Methodist church at Sprout Brook.

Lottridge, Cornelius, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born December 22, 1805, on the old homestead, and died February 22, 1891, aged eighty-six years. He was a son of Robert and Sarah (Smith) Lottridge, who were of German descent, and settled about three miles from Fonda on the farm now owned by Robert Lottridge, and which has been in the family over 100 years. Cornelius married Alida, daughter of H. Wemple, and they had three sons and one daughter. Two of the children survive. William T., youngest son of Cornelius, was born December 29, 1834, in the town of Johnstown, where he resided until 1851 and then moved to Mohawk. He was educated in the common school, and in 1856 married Catherine, daughter of Jacob R. Schuyler, by whom he had three children: Cornelius, Schuyler, and Mary E., wife of Winslow Van Dusen. Mr. Lottridge was elected assessor in 1892, and since 1886 has been in the hay business.

Liddle, Thomas, Mohawk, son of Alexander and Nellie (Blood) Liddle, was born in Schenectady county in January, 1839. His grandfather, Thomas Liddle, was born in Scotland and came to America about the year 1800 with his parents, who settled in Oswego county, removing thence to Schenectady county. He was a farmer and dairyman and made what was termed English cheese. His wife was Janette Robinson. They raised a large family of children, and both died in Schenectady county. Alexander, son of Thomas, was born in Schenectady county, and followed farming. He was a Scotch Presbyterian, and in politics a Whig. His children were: Thomas, John, Stewart and Robert (deceased), Mary, Sarah, Ida, and Nettie (deceased). He died in 1880. His wife, Nettie Blood, died about 1886. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and at seventeen years of age began to work as clerk; at twenty he opened a dry goods store in Amsterdam, which he conducted for ten years, and then spent ten years upon a farm in Albany county, after which he engaged in the clothing and coal business. He has been a manufacturer of knit goods about eight years and is now in the employ of his brother and son in that business in Amsterdam. In 1880 he was elected to the assembly from Albany county, and in 1885-86 from Montgomery county, on the Republican ticket, by 250 to 300 majority over his opponent in a Democratic county. He was mayor of Amsterdam in 1887-88, and in 1891 was elected sheriff by 300 majority. He married Anna, daughter of William and Maria (Johnson) Kunklem of Watervliet. They have had three children: William A., a graduate of the Albany Medical College, and a student of fine promise; Nellie and Anna. He is a member of the M. E. church, and his wife of the Presbyterian church. He is a Mason, a member of the Red Men and Knights of Pythias, and is an active politician.

Lohman, Nicholas, Palatine Bridge, was born in Germany on the Rhine, August 14, 1841, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Shannon) Lohman. In 1855 the family sailed for this country, and landing in New York came to Fonda, where both father and son worked for farmers in the town of Mohawk. Nicholas was bound out to a farmer named N. McLaughlin for his board and clothes, consisting of blue jean overalls and jacket. He was often obliged to stand on a half bushel measure and turn the fanning mill until eleven or twelve o'clock at night. His shoes he made himself, out of the bark of trees bound by willow wisps, and in winter time these formed his only covering for his feet while chopping in the woods. He ate his meals off an old box, while his seat was the floor. At the age of seventeen he left Mohawk and went to Mapletown where he worked for a Mr. Doxtader, faring much better than at his first place. He was there but one year when he moved to Palatine. There he bought a small lot and built a house, working out by the day. He afterwards took a farm of new land, which he broke up and tilled. In 1869 he moved to Palatine Bridge, where he kept a saloon, and for six months worked for the American Express company. In 1870 he sold his saloon and went into the foundry business, which he leased of Colonel Johnson. He conducted this three years and has since kept teams for hire. He was elected constable in 1870, and for the last sixteen years has been deputy sheriff. For seven years he has held the office of deputy marshal. For fourteen years he has been overseer of the village of Palatine, and has been in the employ of the State as bank watch for four years. In 1861 he married Mary Van Slyke of Mohawk, and they have had three children: Anna, wife of William D. Hess of Canajoharie; David N., local editor on the Canajoharie *Courier*; and George, who died January 2, 1890, aged twenty-one. Mr. Lohman has been a student of medicine for animals for over thirty years, and is to-day the leading veterinary surgeon of this section.

Lipe, Adam, Root, son of John L. and Elizabeth (Wormouth) Lipe, was born May 5, 1845, in Onondaga county, where his parents lived a short time. He received his education in the Canajoharie Academy, after the district school. He owns the paternal farm, consisting of 158 acres. He is an active Republican, having served as assessor. He married Maggie, daughter of Aaron and Sarah A. (Hubbs) Putman of Johnstown. He has one child living, J. Earl, having lost two in infancy. Adam I., grandfather of Adam, was a son of John Lipe, one of the first pioneers of Root, who was killed by a horse. He served in the war against the Indians, and had one son and two daughters. Adam I. served in the war of 1812, and was a Whig in politics. He married Catharine Rickard, and had three sons and four daughters. He died in 1874, aged seventy-eight. His wife died November 19, 1888, in her ninety-first year. John L., son of the above, was born October 6, 1817, and died December 28, 1883. His wife survives him, aged seventy-eight years. They had three children: Martin, Adam, and Jeanette, wife of Charles S. Snow. The father of Mrs. Lipe, sr., served in the war of the revolution.

Lindsay, Albert E., Root, son of Lorenzo Dow and Matilda (Moy) Lindsay, was born January 29, 1863, in Huntingville, Compton county, Quebec. He received a common school education, supplemented by an academic course. At the age of eight years

he went into a railroad office summers to learn the business, attending school during the winter. In 1877 he commenced work for the Passumpsic Co., remaining with them until 1880; worked for the N. Y. & N. E. RR. Co. about four years in various capacities. In June, 1884, he came to Spraker's, where he has had charge of the West Shore railroad office ever since. He married, October 8, 1885, Maggie, daughter of David and Margaret Quackenbush. They are members of the M. E. church of Canajoharie, of which Mr. Lindsay has been one of the stewards since 1886. The family is of Scotch origin. The grandfather, Arnold Lindsay, reared a family of five sons and five daughters. The father of Albert E. was a contractor and builder, and died in July 1888. His wife survives him. They had four sons, of whom but two survive: Albert E. and Raymond B.

Lyker, Dr. Almer A., Root, son of John and Amanda (Van Derveer) Lyker, was born August 26, 1854, in Root. He was reared on the farm, and received a common school education, supplemented by an academical course, and then taught three terms. At the age of twenty-one he began the study of medicine with Dr. Shibley of Rural Grove and Dr. Albert Van Derveer, of Albany, and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1879. He practiced with his preceptor, Dr. Shibley, but since 1880 has practiced alone. He has held the office of coroner three years, and in February, 1892, was elected supervisor. He is a Democrat and is active in politics. He was the promoter and originator of Rural Grove Driving Park, and bred the trotter "Cherry Blossom." Dr. Lyker is one of the most public spirited men of the town.

Lyker, Henry C., Root, Argusville p. o., was born in the town of Root September 6, 1822, and is a son of Cornelius and Eve (Wilson) Lyker. He was educated in the district schools, and was a captain of militia in the late war. He has been a farmer all his life, owning two farms of 188 acres, on the line of Montgomery and Schoharie counties. He has served as supervisor for eight years, and also held various minor offices. He is an active Democrat in politics. September 22, 1848, he married Sarah M. Malick, daughter of Aaron and Anna (De Reemer) Malick. His wife died April 19, 1886. She had been a member of the Lutheran church for thirty years, and he has been a member of the same church for over forty-five years. Mr. Lyker was the founder of the Argusville Silk Mills, established in 1880, makers of silk gloves. It is operated by J. H. Clark. John Lyker was born where he now resides, in the south part of Root, July 1, 1828, and is a son of Cornelius and Eve (Wilson) Lyker. The grandfather, Henry Lyker, whose father came from Holland and settled in New Jersey, was born in the last named state, and served in the war of 1812 as colonel. He came to Root in 1781 and entered one hundred acres where our subject now resides. He served as justice many years, and died aged over ninety years. His wife was Catharine Runkle, who reared two sons and five daughters, all of whom married and had families. Cornelius was born in Niskayuna, October 29, 1776, and came to Root with his father, adding to the homestead 160 acres, which he owned at the time of his death, August 3, 1858. He served as commissioner, and sent a substitute to the war of 1812. He was a Democrat in politics. His five children were: Catherine, James, Henry C., Anna Eliza and John. The mother of Henry C. and John Lyker was born in Minden. She

was a daughter of James Wilson, who was a farmer. John was reared and lived all his life where he now resides, with the exception of two years spent in Gloversville and four years in a hotel at Rural Grove. John served in the office of commissioner of the town and owns 150 acres of the original homestead. He is an influential man in the Democratic party. He married, June 11, 1851, Miss Amanda Van Derveer, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Allen) Van Derveer. They have three children: Dr. A. A. Lyker, Villa R., wife of Herman Eble, and Joanna, wife of C. V. Hall. Mrs. Lyker is a member of the Christian church which she has attended over forty years.

Manzer, Edwin F., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born April 13, 1859, at Westford, Otsego county. His early life was spent at home, securing an education at Draper's Academy, his early training being wholly mercantile, as his father (Sanford E.) was one of the leading merchants of Westford. At the age of twenty-one Edwin came to Hagaman's Mills, where he engaged with H. Pawling & Son as bookkeeper, rapidly rising to the position of superintendent. About the first of February, 1892, he assumed control of the largest general store in Hagaman's Mills, where in the short time he has conducted it he has built up a fine trade. September 20, 1882, he married Anna E. Collins, daughter of Ira and Hannah (Knapp) Collins. Mr. Manzer's ancestry is German.

Munsell, William J., Amsterdam, was born at Port Jackson, June 13, 1840, and was educated in the common schools and Amsterdam Academy. At an early age he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner with his father. The family have followed it for four generations. William J. began contracting on his own account in 1878, but previously was foreman for Stephen Sanford for fourteen years. He married, June 13, 1866, Prudence Mathews of Johnstown, but she died in the year 1879. In November, 1881, he married Emma Brice of this city; they have five children, four sons and one daughter: Lizzie, Stephen Sanford, William J., jr., Eugene and Ransom. Mr. Munsell's father (Chauncey) was born in the town of Florida in 1814; he married Jane E. French of his native town; she was a daughter of John French, and they had four children, two sons and two daughters: Susan May, William J., Meriam and John. Her father was sheriff of Montgomery county one full term before the county was divided. Mr. Munsell enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-Third New York State Volunteers, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war as orderly sergeant; his brothers and sisters are dead.

Messinger, Stephen, Amsterdam, was born in Saratoga county January 4, 1825, and was educated in the public schools and has had a variety of occupations. He followed monumental work about thirty years but since 1887 he has been a contractor for sidewalks and building stone. Mr. Messinger has been president of the board of education and is now a member of that board; he is a member of Artisan Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., and also its treasurer. He came to Amsterdam in 1851, and on the 14th of December, 1859, he married Emeline, eighth daughter of Josiah and Mary Goodrich, of Granville, Washington county. They have two children: Charles G. (who married Emma Playford; they have two sons, C. Raymond and Ford S.); and Emma E., who married Smith G. More of St. Lawrence county, and they now reside in North Dakota.

Major, Walter M., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Perth, May 9, 1834. In early life he was a farmer, afterwards sold agricultural implements, and also was a real estate operator. He came to Amsterdam about 1867. In 1865 he married Ruth A. Shuler of this county; she died July 9, 1888, mourned by the bereaved husband and a host of friends. His father, John, was born in Galway in 1791, and married Jane Maxwell of Charlton. They had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters: John, Ursula, David, Mary A., Ebenezer, Margaret, Jennie E., Walter M., No. 1, who died, Walter M., No. 2, Joseph, William J. and Hugh B. Mr. Major represented the town of Perth in the Fulton county board of supervisors in 1861-62.

Morris, John F., Amsterdam, was born August 31, 1839, in Amsterdam, and was educated in the public schools of the city. He is associated with A. V. Morris & Sons, taking charge of that part of the business conducted at Fort Johnson, but resides in Amsterdam. On September 15, 1864, he married Mary E., oldest daughter of John D. and Catherine (Livermore) Serviss of Amsterdam; they have two daughters: Kittie L., and Mary S., who resides at home with her parents. Kittie L. married P. Henry Smeallie of this city, and has two children, John Morris and Marion Elvira.

Morphy, Thomas, Amsterdam, was born on the 15th of June, 1836, in Sussex county, England, and with his parents came to the United States in 1850, locating at Amsterdam, where he was educated in the public schools and Johnstown Academy. For two years he was in the grocery business in Port Jackson, now the fifth ward. The Morphy brothers were the first to build a public storehouse in this city in the years 1880-'81, and have conducted a large flour, feed and grain business under the firm name of Morphy Bros. On the 21st of December, 1859, he married Maria L., second daughter of Cornelius and Rebecca (Pettingell) Conover. They have one daughter Katie C., who married Frederick Davey of Amsterdam.

Miller, James A., Amsterdam, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and when a child came with his parents to America and lived in New York. In a short time his parents moved to Galway, where they purchased a farm. In 1852 Mr. Miller came to Amsterdam and became a member of the firm of Kellogg & Miller, and a few years later married Elizabeth F. Clark of New Bedford, Mass. They had three children: Lizzie, who died at the age of five; and two now living—Kate, who married George M. Holbrook of Amsterdam; and John C., who married Sarah R. Nelson. They have one son and one daughter, Charles Raymond and Minerva Gladys. Mr. Miller is president of the First National bank, vice-president of the board of trade, director in the Gas company and an elder in the Second Presbyterian church.

McClary, Major William, Amsterdam, was born in Broadalbin June 23, 1810; he was educated in the public schools of his day; in early life he was a farmer but afterwards learned the mason's trade and for many years was a contractor on public works, and also private buildings. He came to Amsterdam in the year 1827 and June 20, 1837, he married Martha, daughter of Alexander Adams of the same place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Sears. They had seven children: Sarah, died in infancy; Daniel F. and Jane M. died after they reached maturity; four survive: William, jr.,

who married Annie Sherricker of Oswego; John and Helen (twins), and Martha. John, Ellen and Martha reside at home. Mr. McClary's father, William, was born in North Carolina, and when a young man came with his mother north; he married Bessie Kennedy, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. His father's brother, Samuel, was in the war of 1812 and his mother's brother, Robert, was also in the war of 1812. Mr. McClary was elected to the legislature in 1852 and was superintendent of the canal from 1842 until 1846 inclusive. In politics he is a Democrat; his first vote was cast for General Jackson.

Miller, John C., Amsterdam, was born in Glasgow, September 27, 1828, and came with his parents to this country when he was only two years old. They located in West Galway in the town of Perth, and he was educated in the public schools and in early life was a farmer. In the spring of 1853 he became a manufacturer in Amsterdam, but sold out in 1884. He then became a contractor of street pavements and sewers. On the 9th of May, 1860, he married Louisa M., oldest daughter of Isaac and Esther Jackson of this city; Mrs. Miller died July 24, 1877. They have two daughters: Esther and Louisa J. (who married Frank E. Waldron and they have three children, John M., Hicks B. and Louisa M.)

McCurtie, William, Amsterdam, was born on the 18th of May, 1826, in Glenville, Schenectady county, and was educated there and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1853 he went to Illinois and was three years in Chicago and seven years in Centralia, from which place he enlisted in Company A, First Illinois Light Artillery. The date was March 1, 1862, and he was honorably discharged in the state of Mississippi on account of sickness. On the 10th of December, 1850, he married Sarah A., third daughter of Nicholas and Jennie Van Slyck of his native county. They have three children, one son and two daughters. One daughter, Alice, died on the 7th of November, 1874. Frank, who married Louisa Talmage of Amsterdam, and Jennie, who resides with her parents. Mr. McCurtie's grandfather on his mother's side (Aaron Stephens) was quartermaster in the war of 1812 and one of his great-grandfathers was a soldier of the revolutionary war. Mr. McCurtie is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Marshall, James E., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, May 10, 1857, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Hempton) Marshall. His parents came to this country the same year of his birth, and settled in the town of Perth, where they remained three years, then came into the town of Amsterdam, and the second year moved on the J. McKay farm, but moved thence to the George Clark farm. James was sent to the common school, where he received a start for an education; finishing his course behind the desk in his own store. When he was eleven years old he hired out to work for Darwin Schuler for \$5 a month, and followed farming in this way until he was nineteen, when his father took a farm, and James helped him two years; after this he went to Michigan and engaged in railroading for eight months. During that time he married Melvina Wright, and after his marriage (December 30, 1879) he came back to this county and the next year went into gardening, which he followed until 1881. He then bought out the general store of M. M. Robb at Fort Johnson, which he has conducted in so successful a manner that the business has in-

creased fivefold what it was when he bought it. He has leased the adjoining building for a flour and feed store, and is the postmaster at Fort Johnson, but this is the only public office he thinks he will aspire to. He is the father of one child, Clarence B., born April 17, 1881. Samuel Marshall, his father, died June 15, 1890, fifty-one years of age. John Marshall was married to Mary Burrows, daughter of Francis Burrows of Schenectady, May 14, 1891. He has always been engaged in gardening until the fall of 1891 when he rented the market at Fort Johnson of his brother, which he has since successfully conducted.

McDougall, Daniel, Florida, one of seven children of James and Mary (Campbell) McDougall, was born October 6, 1844, on the farm where he now lives. The others of the family were Lawrence, Helen M., Isabella (all deceased), John C., who resides at Oil City, Pa.; Elizabeth D., widow of Alfred Millmine, and George, living at Burtonville. James, the father, was born April 3, 1806, in Princeton, and Mary, his wife, was born in 1809. John, the grandfather, was born in Scotland, and settled in Princeton, where died. Daniel McDougall married on November 13, 1872, Margaret, one of three children of Hugh and Clara (Montgomery) Stewart of Florida, the others being Addie (Mrs. J. S. Young of Chicago), and Henry Jackson (deceased). John Stewart, her grandfather, was born in Florida, his wife being Margaret Ross. Her great-grandfather, Stewart was born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall have three children: Hugh Campbell, Mary Adaline, and Donald Raymond.

Miller, Jonas, Minden, was born in Minden, December 4, 1821. His grandfather Conrad Miller, had a family of nine children: Peter, Conrad, Daniel, Henry, John, George, Christiana, who married George Snyder; Mary, who married Nicholas House; and Nancy, who married John Woltz. Henry of the above family was born in Minden, where he died December 3, 1833. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Zoller, and they had six children: Henry, who died in Danube; Cornelius, who was killed by accident when twenty years of age in Minden; Nancy and Mary, both died young; Solomon, who resides in St. Johnsburg; and Jonas. Henry was a blacksmith by trade and carried on a shop for many years on the Dutchtown road, near the residence of the late Solomon Devendorf. Jonas, our subject, received only a common school education, and on the death of his father the family was left in straitened circumstances. Mr. Miller engaged in farming, which he has always followed, and he now owns one of the best farms in the town of Minden comprising 140 acres. In politics a Republican, he has never held any political office. He married Janet McKenzie, and they had four children, viz: Cornelius, who died aged twelve; Irving, who resides in Palatine; Alton, who resides in Minden; and Helen, wife of Otto Fox, assistant cashier of St. Johnsburg National Bank.

Martin, Charles, Minden, was born at Fort Plain, July 27, 1850. His father (Charles) was a native of Germany, emigrating to America, where he located at Fort Plain. He, was a mason by trade, and enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-Third Regiment of New York Volunteers. He received a furlough on account of sickness and was returning to his regiment in 1864, when he had a relapse, and died at Albany, in his thirty-ninth year. He married Charlotte Hillbrandt, and

they had seven children: Carrie, Charles, William, who died aged four years; Henry G., the well known druggist at Fort Plain, died in that village, leaving a widow and one child (named Harvey); John and Fred (both residents of Fort Plain); and Lewis, who died at the age of fourteen years. Charles, the oldest son of the above family, received only a common school education. In his early life he worked at farming, but was for ten years employed at the Fort Plain Spring and Axle Works. He moved on his present farm in 1882. He married Elizabeth, daughter of the late Peter G. Bush, and they have four children: Katie C., George A., Jennie B., and Charles.

Moyer, Abram H., Minden, was born May 22, 1796, at Minden, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Arndt of Minden, who was born February 5, 1796, in the above town. Abram H. died July 21, 1878, and Elizabeth, his wife, died February 23, 1852. They had eight children, of whom Mary Ann, the oldest, was born December 31, 1815, and married John Hesler, February 19, 1840. They had three children: Mary M., who married John Johnson of Fonda; Lizzie, who died at Fonda in 1858; and Abram, who died at Minden in 1853. John Hesler died February 10, 1881, and Mary Ann, his wife, died January 1, 1892, at Fonda. Eliza Ann, second child of Abram H. Moyer, was born February 6, 1818, and died October 15, 1844. Lucinda, the third child, was born September 12, 1820, and June 23, 1853, married John Jarvis; they had one daughter, Libbie, who married Edw. Hill, of Chicago. John Jarvis died at Chicago March 17, 1875. Byancy, the fourth child, was born September 12, 1823, in Minden, and married John Shawl of Columbia, June 23, 1852. She died December 23, 1856. John Shawl died June 19, 1888. Sylvester, fifth child, was born August 3, 1826, and married Irena Gramps of Stone Arabia, on August 11, 1851, and they had two children: Heley, who married Viola Flanders of Oppenheim, and Mary, who married Edgar Keesler of Frey's Bush. Simeon, sixth child, was born July 22, 1828, and married Lanie Eggbroad of Minden, December 27, 1849; Lanie, his wife, died July 7, 1872, and he married second, Isadore Ball of Michigan. Almina, seventh child, was born August 15, 1831, and married James Miller of Minden; they had two children: Adda, who married William Caulkins of Amsterdam, and Rufus, who married Jennie Cohn of New York; they are all living at Yonkers. James Miller died December 18, 1879, at Amsterdam. Marcy, the eighth child of Abram Moyer, was born in Minden November 6, 1834; he married Catherine Cornelius of Minden, July 18, 1856, (who died January 21, 1872), and they had five children: Samarie E., was born March 28, 1856, and married Charles Sanders of Minden, October 26, 1877; she died December 20, 1880. Minnie K. was born January 13, 1860, and married Edwin Moyer in 1878, at Minden. Abram E. was born April 21, 1862, and died January 13, 1873, at Minden. Gertrude M. was born August 21, 1864. Edward O. was born March 21, 1871. Marcy married for his second wife Josephine Cornelius, and they have one daughter, Nettie B., who was born May 6, 1880, in Minden.

Mosher, Stafford, Minden, was born in Canajoharie January 20, 1846, and is the only son of E. C. and Ann M. (Stafford) Mosher. His education was acquired at the public schools of the town and the academy. He engaged in mercantile business in the hardware store of S. H. Miller & Co. of Canajoharie, where he remained five years. He then learned the trade of carriage maker with his father, and was employed with him till 1874.

The next year he was partner in the grocery store of Mosher & Devendorf at Canajoharie. His father's trade having increased so as to require his attention, he left the grocery to accept a position of book-keeper with him, but owing to an accident he was obliged to give up his position. He was for the next nine years librarian of the State senate, and on his retirement from that office became a clerk in the Canajoharie National Bank, where he remained until the organization of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Fort Plain, where he was made cashier, a position which he now fills. A Republican in politics, he was supervisor for the town of Canajoharie two years. He married Celestia J., daughter of Samuel Vunk of Charleston.

Moyer, Henry L., Minden, was born in Minden January 31, 1785, and married July 24, 1808, Hannah Walrath, who was born May 15, 1788. Their children were Charles, born January 29, 1810, died in the west; Henry H., born March 4, 1814, died in Minden; Peter, born May 28, 1815, died in Minden; Sally, born January 8, 1818; died in Minden; Moses, born December 18, 1819, died young; David, born March 26, 1823. Jacob H. was connected with the State militia, and held the office of pay master. Jacob H., son of Henry L., was born in Minden December 4, 1811, and married January 10, 1850, Margaret, daughter of George U. Bauder. Their only child was J. Wesley. Mrs. Moyer died July 10, 1862. Jacob H. married for his second wife Mary E., daughter of Henry S. Diefendorf. He died January 25, 1888. J. Wesley Moyer was born April 29, 1856, and married February 4, 1880, Anna C., daughter of Chauncey L. Moyer. They have four children: Jacob H., Chauncey L., Flora L., and Mary E.

Marcellus, Abram, Amsterdam, was born at Cranesville, Montgomery county, on the 1st of January, 1821, and was educated in the common school and Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a wood-worker and lived for nine years in Illinois; he then returned to Amsterdam and manufactured reapers and mowers for about ten years. In 1860 he went into the knit goods business in company with the late John McFarlan, under the firm name of Marcellus & McFarlan, which continued about twenty-three years, when Mr. Marcellus retired from business and now lives in his fine residence in the west end of the city. On the 20th of June, 1865, he married Henrietta Steadwell of the town of Florida. They have six children, three sons and three daughters. Louise S., who married Dr. E. E. Reynolds of this city; Agnes V., who married Dr. William Liddle of Fonda; and Katie, who died March 14, 1878; Abram M., Henry A., and Frederick S., who resides at home. Mr. Marcellus's father, Alashnerus, was born in the town of Amsterdam and married Mary, daughter of Gabriel Manny of this town. They had eleven children. Mrs. Marcellus's father, Albert Steadwell, was born in Dutchess county and married Hannah Hayes of his native county. They had ten children and came to the town of Florida at an early day. The ancestry of the family is Dutch, French and English.

Miller, J. Jay, M. D., Amsterdam, was born on the 3d of October, 1834, in the town of Lansing, Tompkins county, and was educated in the public schools and Central College of this state. He was a minister of the Christian denomination eighteen years, and afterwards studied medicine and graduated from Albany Medical College in the year 1871. In the early part of the year 1887 he came to Amsterdam. He was married

twice, first to Catherine De Condres of Groton, Tompkins county. They had one son, William Tyler, who is a skilled physician at Cobleskill, and S. Pearl, an adopted daughter, who is being educated at Amsterdam Academy. She resides at home. For his second wife he married Carriebel Bullard of Sherborn, Mass. She is quite talented in vocal and instrumental music.

Miller, Abram B., Canajoharie, was born in the town of Canajoharie on the 29th of December, 1834, and is a son of Adam S. and Hannah Coons Miller. His mother was born in Rensselaer county and his father in Columbia county. The latter's grandfather (John Miller) came from Germany and settled in Columbia county. Adam Miller, Abram's father, came to this county about 1831 and settled on the farm now owned by the family. He is still living at the age of ninety-three years. Mr. Miller was reared on the farm, and educated at the common schools and at Charlottesville and Ames Academy. For thirty years he was a teacher; he was at Fultonville six years and taught at St. Johnsville, Palatine Bridge, Buel and Ames for twelve winters. He was commissioner one term, and owned a farm in Glen eight years; he is a civil engineer, and also a veterinary surgeon, registered. He owns a fine farm at Ames village, and is a Republican and an active worker for his party. He has been commissioner of highways and justice of the peace. On the 11th of January, 1859, he married Anna E., daughter of Alvy Bowman, among the first settlers of the county. They have four children: Josephine, wife of William Bellman; Minnie, wife of Walter Hilts; John, who married Nora Wessells, and Horace.

Merselis, Daniel W., Canajoharie, was born in Knox, Albany county, October 9, 1836, and is a son of Gerardus G. and Catharine (Weidman) Merselis. The grandfather of our subject, Gerrit N. Merselis, was a native of this country, born in 1767, and always a resident of Albany county. He married, November 20, 1799, Eve, daughter of Henry Ball, and they had four children: Gerardus Groesback, Peter, Margaret, Maria E. Gerritt M. died January 16, 1832, and his wife, Eve, died March 14, 1810. Gerardus G., the oldest son, was born in Albany county, January 12, 1801, and always lived there. He married, November 8, 1827, Catharine, daughter of Felix Weidman of Berne, Albany county, and they had five children: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob M. Hochstrasser of Berne; Catharine, who died July 12, 1864, aged thirty-one years; Anna M., wife of George W. Quackenbush of Barnsville, Schoharie county; Lois J., wife of Avery K. Slade, a farmer of Berne, and Daniel. The early life of the last named was spent in Albany county. He was educated at the select school at Berneville, and after leaving school assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, which occurred October 8, 1862, his wife being Elizabeth, daughter of John M. and Orpha (Dennison) Wood of Albany county. His father was from Dutchess county, and her ancestors came from Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Merselis have had eight children: Orpha D., born July 26, 1863, wife of Charles H. Gross of Minden; Willie G., born December 17, 1864, a miller of Nebraska; Catharine, who died, May 31, 1874, aged seven years; Mary E., born October 3, 1869, wife of James Shultz; Arthur D., born March 16, 1874; Dewey W., born March 15, 1878; Rena S., born May 27, 1879, and Antoinette V., born February 7, 1882. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Merselis came to this town, and in

partnership with Luke Slade bought the grist-mill at Waterville and the farm of twenty-seven acres which Mr. Merselis now conducts. In 1866 Mr. Slade sold his interest to Eugene Wood, brother of Mrs. Merselis, which partnership continued till 1869, when he sold out and is now in Austin, Minn. Mrs. Merselis's father makes his home with them, and is in his eighty-second year.

Lepper, Jacob, Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born one mile north of Fort Johnson in the town of Amsterdam, November 23, 1825, and is a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Fairchild) Lepper. The earliest ancestor to whom our subject can trace was his grandfather, Jacob Lepper, who came to this country previous to the War of the Revolution from Germany, and located in New York. He remained there one and one-half years, working at the blacksmith's trade, but before the war came to this county (then Tryon county) and built a blacksmith shop, grist-mill, saw mill and store, which were burned by the tories and Indians, who also robbed him of a large sum of money. He married Mary Hook in 1785, and they were the parents of ten children, of whom Joseph was the third, born January 24, 1789. His first wife was Rebecca Fairchild, by whom he was the father of six children, four now living: Maria, now Mrs. Seth Noble of Illinois; Angelica, now Mrs. Jacob Shuler of Syracuse; Sally, now Mrs. Smith Hall of Illinois, and Jacob, our subject. His second wife was Hannah Lepper, by whom he had six children, two are living: Rebecca, now Mrs. Ashley Kellogg of Illinois, and Margaret, now Mrs. Benjamin Levy of Illinois. Jacob spent his early life on the farm, assisting his father and attending the district school, until his marriage, December 3, 1846, to Margaret Hanson, daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Putnam) Hanson of Amsterdam. He worked the old homestead farm for three years, then came to present locality where he remained twenty-six years. His house, cider-mill and barn were burned out and he then went to Tribes Hill for seventeen months, and came to his present residence in 1874. They have three children living: David of Springfield, Ill.; Alida B. of Florida; Mary J., now Mrs. Edward F. Clark of Albany. Their mother lives at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. Lepper was a soldier in the civil war, enlisted February 28, 1862, in the Thirty-second Regiment New York Volunteers, was wounded in June, 1862, at Chancellorsville, and discharged July 25, the same year. Remained at home until September 15, when he joined the Tenth New York Volunteer Cavalry. He saw service in many exciting engagements, among them Fredericksburg, Petersburg, the Wilderness and Gettysburg, where he was again wounded. He bears scars of his loyalty to his country, and now lives quietly at home, conducts a small place of six acres, leasing his farm of sixty-six acres. In regard to his soldier history, very few can be found who volunteered twice in one year without a dollar of bounty. He has dearly earned the pension he now receives of \$12 a month.

Milmine, Alfred J., Florida, one of two children of William M. and Emeline (Wiltsie) Milmine, the other being Lettie A. (Mrs. Geroe Kline), was born in Florida February 1, 1858. William M. Milmine, the father, was born in the town of Florida March 25, 1820. Emeline (Wiltsie) Milmine, the mother, was one of the ten children of John and Maria (Dorn) Wiltsie of Duaneburg. James Milmine, the grandfather, was born in Duaneburg, his wife being Marie Van Vechten. He came to Florida in childhood

and lived and died here. John Milmine, the great-grandfather of Alfred J., was born in Scotland, but came to this country in early life and bought the property on which Alfred J. and his father now live.

McMartin, Duncan, Hagaman's Mills, was born in Amsterdam in the house now the residence of his family, November 1, 1815, and is a son of Finley and Henrietta (Bell) McMartin, who came to this country from Perthshire, Scotland, in 1809. Duncan, the subject of our sketch, was one of a family of fourteen children, one of whom, Thomas McMartin (now dead), was professor of pathology in the medical college of St. Louis. Only two of the fourteen are now living: John McMartin, born May 6, 1809, in Scotland, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Ayres of Denver, Col., born February 8, 1817. The early life of Duncan was spent on the farm and his education was what he could obtain in the public schools of the town. July 3, 1856, he married Susan J. Helling, widow of John Wenban and daughter of Henry and Julia (Downes) Helling. To them were born six children, three of whom have passed away, viz.: Henrietta, died September 29, 1860; Henrietta, second, died May 6, 1864; Julia Addie, died September 7, 1864. Two of the survivors, Isabelle K. and Henrietta B., are living at the old homestead, and Mamie (Mrs. S. Davies) is living in Buffalo. Duncan, their father, died September 12, 1890. Mrs. McMartin still lives on the old homestead with her brother John and her two children and bears her sixty-six years with pride when she thinks of her ancestral name.

McIntyre, Peter C., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, September 18, 1819, and is a son of James and Anne (Campbell) McIntyre. James (his father) was born in Westchester county in 1785 and went to Scotland in 1806 to settle up his father's estate, he being the oldest son of five children. He married and stayed there sixteen years, then returned to this country and settled in Johnstown, then in Montgomery county. He was the father of seven children, five of whom are living: James of Johnstown; Ewen, an eminent druggist of New York; Archibald, a commission merchant of Albany; Martin, a druggist at Fonda; and Peter C. (our subject), who was educated at Johnstown Academy under Thomas Frothingham. He spent a short time in a dry goods store at Johnstown, then went on the farm with his father where he remained until May 26, 1846. He married Anne M. Bearcroft, daughter of James and Jane (Potter) Bearcroft; they have had three sons, one of whom died when three years old. James A. was born March 10, 1847; Peter C. of Albany, born June 1, 1855. Mrs. McIntyre still lives to comfort her children, being now sixty-nine years of age. Mr. McIntyre conducted a hotel in Schenectady and also in Johnstown, each one year. He then bought the Franklin House in Johnstown which he conducted fifteen years with great success. In 1865 he sold out the hotel and went into partnership in a grocery at Albany for one year; then was in the glove manufacture one year, and in 1869 he bought a farm in Orange county, Va., where he remained six years, then came back to this county. His son, James A., was married March 30, 1869, to Evan Lingenfelter, and they are the parents of three children: Maggie, John S., and William. They are industrious farmers, and Mr. McIntyre looks back with pride on his ancestral name, his father being chief of the clan of McIntyres of Glencoe, and he himself has a commission as captain, signed by Governor Morgan.

Mount, Elijah, Canajoharie, was born in Root, near Mapletown, July 18, 1816, and is a son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Gulick) Mount. Elijah, grandfather of our subject, a native of New Jersey, came to this county in 1799, locating in Glen, where he lived until his death. His first wife was Lydia Barclay, by whom he had four children: David, Mathias, Susan and Lydia. His second wife was a daughter of Lewis Mount of Glen. By her he had four children: Elijah, Humphrey, John and Hannah. The second son of his first wife, Mathias, was the father of Elijah, and was born in New Jersey, July 19, 1792, making him seven years old when his parents came to this county. He was drafted for the war of 1812, but before being ordered to the field the war closed. In 1814 he married Elizabeth Gulick, whose father came from Germany and located in Broadalbin. By his first marriage he had one child, Elijah, our subject. His second marriage was with Elizabeth Mount, daughter of Thomas Mount of Sharon, and they had five children, only two of them reaching adult age—Mary and Rebecca. When Elijah was about five years of age his father moved to Sharon, at which place Elijah married, September 28, 1837, Mercy Emilettta, daughter of David and Mercy (Cox) Gordon. They had nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary J., wife of John Hatmaker of Gloversville; Ment E. of Jackson, Mich.; Alvin G., who conducts the farm; Lydia, wife of Rev. Joseph Walroth of Chicago; Mathias W. of Gloversville; George of Jackson, Mich.; and Ida, wife of Sanford White of Canajoharie. The oldest son, L. Winne, was a volunteer in the 115th N. Y. Regiment, was wounded taken prisoner, and died in a rebel prison in 1864. When Elijah was twenty eight, his father bought the farm of 226 acres, and at his death in 1863 it was divided, Elijah now having 150 acres. The latter has held offices of honor and trust in his town for several years, and is deacon in the Baptist church at Ames. Mrs. Mount died in May, 1877, aged sixty years.

McFee, James Adelman, was born in Cherry Valley, March 13, 1850. His father was Norman McFee, a grandson of Alexander McFee, who came from Scotland before the Revolution and settled in what is now Otsego county. Mr. McFee has spent several years teaching the public schools of Sprout Brook, Buel, Ames, Mapletown and other places. He studied at the Cherry Valley Academy and at Cazenovia Seminary, from which he graduated in 1875, completing two full terms—the academic and the Latin scientific. He studied theology two years, and in 1877 was admitted on trial into the Northern New York Conference, and stationed at New Bremen, Lewis county. Health failing, he was obliged to resign his appointment, and has never since taken a regular charge, but continues to preach occasionally as a local elder. Since 1881 he has lived on a farm pleasantly located near the village of Ames, engaged in general farming, stock breeding and fruit culture, and occasionally has a call to do surveying. In politics Mr. McFee is a Prohibitionist, but liberal toward all who have an interest in the welfare of our common country. In 1875 he married Frankie, youngest daughter of the late Benjamin Wendell of Minden, and sister of Judge J. D. Wendell of Fort Plain. They have no children.

McIntyre, Martin, Mohawk, Fonda, p. o., son of James and Ann (Campbell) McIntyre, was born in Johnstown May 5, 1835. He received his education at Kingsboro

and Johnstown academies, and studied pharmacy with his brother Ewen of New York, who was president of the New York College of Pharmacy, having held that office for fourteen years. Mr. McIntyre opened a drug store in Fonda in 1874 and carries on the business at the present time. He married Elizabeth Cherry. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., N. Y. S. P. A., and of the Reformed Church. His wife is an Episcopalian. They have a very beautiful residence which is noted for its flowers and other marks of rural taste.

Meyer, Dr. George L., Palatine, was born in Palatine, April 7, 1863, a son of John G. and Mary E. (Snyder) Meyer, natives of Germany. His grandfather was Frederick Meyer, whose father was also named Frederick, and was a physician in Germany. Frederick, junior, married Mary Sophia Hütter, who bore him five sons and three daughters. John G. Meyer was born in 1819. When a young man he came to Palatine where he has since resided. He is a blacksmith and wagonmaker and for many years kept a shop at Stone Arabia. He had three sons and five daughters; George L. was the youngest of the family. Mrs. John G. Meyer died July 29, 1882. Dr. G. L. Meyer was educated at the common school and the Union Free School at Palatine Bridge. At eighteen he began teaching school which he continued for three years, studying medicine at the same time with Dr. S. A. Wessels of Canajoharie. At the age of twenty-one he entered the medical department of Michigan University, graduating in 1887. In July, 1887, he began practice at Stone Arabia, where he has since been very successful. In 1889 he married Ada, daughter of Abner and Adelia (Williamson) Yauney of Ephratah. Abner Yauney was born January 20, 1842, and married in 1867, and had two children. His wife died November 10, 1870. Abner's father was James Yauney, born in September, 1800, in Johnstown, and married Hannah, daughter of Daniel Bedford, who was born in 1776 in England, and settled in Dutchess county where he died in 1820. James Yauney and wife had eight sons and one daughter. He was a member of assembly in 1839, and died at Ephratah in 1888.

Mowrey, Michael W., Palatine, was born in Amsterdam, October 10, 1852. His father was Pliny Mowrey, and his grandfather Ezekiel Mowrey. The latter, a native of Massachusetts, came to Johnstown at an early day and settled on a small piece of land. He had four sons and two daughters. After his death his widow lived with Pliny until her death in 1866. Pliny Mowrey was born in Johnstown, and married Mary Wert, by whom he had five sons, four of whom are living. He was a carpenter, and spent his married life at Tribes Hill, where he died in 1863. His widow married Gilbert Palmateer, a farmer of Ephratah. Michael W. Mowrey attended the common school until eight years of age, when he assisted in supporting the family by working on the farm. He followed farming until 1874, when he married Nancy A., a daughter of John V. Wood. They have had the following children: Arthur J., Elmer V., Edith M., Viola E. and Edna, all living. In 1874 Mr. Mowrey began the manufacture of straw board at Garoga, but in 1887 the business was moved to Wagner's Hollow, and has since been carried on there. The firm, which is Mowrey & Wood, employs eight men and makes 200 tons yearly. They also have a saw-mill and cuts 200,000 feet annually. Mr. Mowrey is a Republican, and a member of Stone Arabia Grange No. 690.

McDuffee, Ellsworth, Charleston, was born in Charleston, March 22, 1862, being one of eight children of Calvin and Mary E. (Dunlap) McDuffee; the others being Adell, Nelson, Daniel, Walter, May, Lulu (Mrs. William Tiffany) and Mercy. Calvin (the father) was one of seven children of Daniel McDuffee of Charleston, and married Mary, a daughter of Joseph and (Patterson) Dunlap of the same town. Ellsworth McDuffee married, February 22, 1861, Lulu Snyder of Charleston, one of two children of John and Roba (Scott) Snyder, the other being Caroline (Mrs. James Wood), who is dead. Mr. McDuffee has lived in Charleston about twenty years. He is a merchant at Charleston Four Corners, also postmaster and town clerk.

Moyer, Charles, Root, son of John and Mary H. (Lasher) Moyer, was born June 16, 1852, where he now resides. His grandfather was John Moyer, born in Mohawk and died in Root in 1863, aged eighty-six years. His wife was Elizabeth Magley, by whom he had three sons and five daughters. John, father of Charles, was born in Root, where he died, February 8, 1855, and at his death one-half of the farm of 120 acres fell to the lot of Charles, who later bought the other half. His wife died in August, 1869. She had two sons by her first husband, of whom Charles is the only one living. She married, second, Peter Moyer, and they had one son, Wilson. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bellinger) Lasher. Charles Moyer moved with his mother at the age of four years to Canajoharie, where he lived until her death. He received his education in the Canajoharie and district schools, and attended Whitestown Seminary for two years, having taught school seventeen terms, working at farming during the summer time. In politics he is a Democrat and is a member of Fultonville Lodge, F. & A. M. On March 28, 1877, he married Maggie Lathers, who was born in Root, and is a daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (McLaughlin) Lathers of Mohawk. They have two children, Ida M. and Emery F.

Nestle Family, The.—George M. was born in Palatine, June 17, 1812, and on January 15, 1835, he married Margaret Timmerman; they had six children, all of whom were born in Minden. They were as follows: David G., born December 5, 1835, died in Minden; Jennie, born March 2, 1837, married Lucius Diefendorf, and died in Minden; Nancy, born October 7, 1839, wife of Peter Geesler of Minden; George L. and John L. (twins), born May 8, 1843, both died in Minden; and Daniel E. George M. was a stone mason by trade and always resided in Minden, where he died April 20, 1858. His wife died December 21, 1881. Daniel E. of the above family was born in Minden, May 16, 1847, and married on December 3, 1873, Mary Catharine, daughter of Colonel Josiah Roof. They have three children: Minnie, Lula and George M. Daniel E. has been a resident of Minden always, excepting four years when he resided at Rome. He has always been engaged in the mill business, and purchased his present mill in Minden, October 30, 1877. He is a Republican in politics, and has held the office of commissioner of highways.

Nellis, John W., Canajoharie, was born in Palatine, June 10, 1855, and is a son of James and Mary M. (Wert) Nellis. Among the Palatines who arrived in this country in 1710 were three brothers, William, Christian and Johannes Nellis. William Nellis and twenty-six other Palatines, on the 19th of October, 1723, procured a patent for

twelve thousand acres of land lying in the town of Palatine, known as the Stone Arabia patent. Following the descendants of William Nellis, the first, we find Andrew Nellis, his son, who had a son Phillip, who was the great-grandfather of our subject. He was born on the old homestead, December 1, 1746, and married at the age of twenty-four Elizabeth Dietz of Cherry Valley. He served in the Continental army in the revolution and his regiment was in the battle of Oriskany, and was with the Palatines at the defence of Stone Arabia. He had eleven children, of whom Peter P., the third son and grandfather of John W., was born in September, 1783. He married at the age of twenty-two Margaret Spraker, who was born on this farm. Of their nine children, James, father of John W., was the fourth son. He was born April 2, 1816, in Fairfield, Herkimer county, and came to this town at the age of twenty. Six years later he married Mary M., daughter of Daniel Wert of Johnstown, and they had fifteen children of whom ten are still living: D. C. Nellis of Topeka, Kan.; D. W. of the same place; Louisa, wife of H. W. McAfee of Topeka, Kan.; A. J. of Johnstown; Ozias of Amsterdam; Jay, Emma (wife of S. J. Patten), Magdalene, Anna, and John W., all of Palatine. The latter was educated in the public schools and assisted his father on the farm until the death of the latter in 1853. John W. inherited the farm, being the third generation to possess it. He is a member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M.; secretary of Montgomery council Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Lutheran church of Canajoharie. This is one of the oldest families in the county.

Nellis, Jacob C., Canajoharie, was born in St. Johnsville (then Oppenheim) December 30, 1831, a son of Jeremiah and Margaret (Fox) Nellis. The earliest ancestor we can trace of this family, is Christian Nellis, a native of Germany, who located near St. Johnsville. There was a tract of land in that town known as the Klock & Nellis patent, which was issued by George III. Mr. Nellis has in his possession two deeds granted by Christian Nellis, the first to his son, Christian Nellis second, which grants to him, in consideration of 300 pounds, a large portion of the original. These deeds are both dated June 8, 1767. Christian second was the father of four children, two sons and two daughters. The sons were John C. and Jacob C., the last named being grandfather of the subject. He was born November 26, 1772, and was a captain of militia, his commission being now in possession of his grandson. He married Magdalene Kellar of Minden, and they had one son and seven daughters. The son, Jeremiah, was born March 20, 1809, and followed farming in St. Johnsville. He was also captain of militia of the state, and was colonel of the Nineteenth Regiment, New York Militia. He was for one term supervisor of the town of Oppenheim, and was member of the legislature for the county of the sixty-first session in 1838. He also held many minor offices in the town. In February, 1831, he married Margaret Fox, daughter of Christopher Fox of Palatine, and they had four children: Emelia, widow of Darius Vedder, a farmer of St. Johnsville; John C., also a farmer of the latter town; Margaret A., wife of Dr. C. C. Vedder of St. Johnsville; and Jacob C. The early life of the latter was spent in St. Johnsville where he was educated in the common schools and assisted his father on the farm until thirty-five years of age, when he engaged in trade in Montgomery county. Two years later he was burned out and returned to Montgomery county, where he engaged in farming on his present location, a fine place of seventy

acres, which he conducts as a dairy farm, finding a market in Fort Plain. He has also been engaged in the ice business for fifteen years. In 1860 he married Harriet Chawgo of St. Johns, and of their four children, Walter is a machinist of Fort Plain; Sarah is the wife of Frank Lipe of Fort Plain; Jerry is a mechanic in the latter town, and Anna resides at home. Mrs. Nellis died May 17, 1880, and Mr. Nellis married second, October 5, 1881, Jemima Van Patten, widow of Morgan Alsdorf, and they have one child, Emma, a student at Fort Plain. Mr. and Mrs. Nellis are supporters of the Universalist church at Fort Plain, where they are regular attendants.

Nare Family, The.—Five brothers, John, Henry, Jacob, Frederick and David came to this county before the revolution, with their father, settling in different parts of the county. Zachariah, son of Henry, was born in the town of Palatine and married Catharine Ecker. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters: Henry, George, Adam, James, John, Magdalena, Betsy, Cathern, Margaret. He died about 1884, and his wife in 1883. Henry, oldest son of Zachariah, was born June 12, 1813, in this town, and has always resided here. He married Eleanor, daughter of Harmaunus Van Dusen, and they had three children: Simeon, Catherine (deceased), Amelia, wife of John Stuhlman, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1852, and they have one child, Emma. Simeon, son of Henry Nare, was born August 5, 1839, and married Sarah A. Wemple, by whom he has two children: Charles and Ella. The former resides at home, and the latter married Frank Jansen, of Troy, and has one child, Raymond R. Jansen, who was born in March, 1892. Charles married Sarah A. Gardenier, a daughter of J. Putman Gardenier. Mr. Nare has always been engaged in farming.

Nellis, Sylvander, Palatine, was born in Palatine, October 13, 1853, a son of John J. and Elizabeth (Fox) Nellis. He received a common school education, and married in 1876, Annie M., daughter of Willard Snell of Ephratah. They have one son, Judson S. Mr. Nellis is a farmer, has been highway commissioner seven years, and is a member of Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, F. and A. M.; K. of P.; and is a Granger. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

Nestle, Daniel L., Palatine, was born in Palatine, April 20, 1851. His father was John Nestle; his grandfather, Martinus Nestle, whose father was an early settler in Palatine. Martinus Nestle married Elizabeth Lasher, and had five sons and four daughters. They both died in Palatine. John Nestle was born in Palatine, April 16, 1813. He married, in 1835, Catherine, daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Wolaver) Dillenback (parents of two sons and three daughters), and granddaughter of Capt. Andrew and Catherine (Finck) Dillenback, parents of one son and three daughters. Captain Dillenback was killed in the battle of Oriskany, during which his son Andrew was in a fort at Stone Arabia. John Nestle and wife had five sons and four daughters. He was a blacksmith, a farmer, and a member of the militia. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church; he died July 16, 1878, and his widow lives with Daniel L. The latter, at the death of his father, took possession of the farm. He has held town offices, and is a member of Palatine Union Grange, No. 580.

Nellis, Abraham, Palatine, was born in St. Johns, September 26, 1820. His father was Joseph I. Nellis, and his grandfather Joseph Nellis, whose grandfather was

one of the first of the family to settle in now Montgomery county. Joseph Nellis was born in 1759, served in the revolutionary army, and married Miss Lampman, who bore him two children: Joseph I. and Mary. The family were members of the Lutheran church. He died February 22, 1834. Joseph I. Nellis was born in 1786, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools; he was a farmer and a Lutheran; he married Magdaline Bellinger of Montgomery county, by whom he had six sons and one daughter; he died in 1862. Abraham Nellis received an academical education and afterwards spent two years at Union College. For a time he was a clerk in the New York post-office, after which he read law with General Sanford of that city. In 1848 he went to California, and a second time in 1851. He married, in 1847, Christia Nellis; they have had four children: Ella L. (deceased); James (deceased); Abraham, Jr.; Mrs. Julia Duncan of Nelliston. Mr. Nellis is a practical surveyor. He came to Palatine in 1855 and engaged in farming. In 1860 he started the village of Nelliston, which was named for him in 1880. He was instrumental in securing a free bridge over the Mohawk, between Nelliston and Fort Plain, and which is the pioneer for all free bridges on that river. He was formerly a Democrat, but has been a Republican with the organization of that party. He is a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79, F. and A. M., at Fort Plain, and was made a Royal Arch Mason at Canajoharie. He and his family are identified with the Palatine Lutheran church.

Overbaugh, Myron, Florida, was born in Charleston on the 3d of August, 1853. He was one of seven children of Nelson and Elnor (De Forest) Overbaugh, the others being Charles, Benjamin, Mrs. P. Haslet McClumpha, Mrs. Gilbert McClumpha, and Mrs. Daniel Blood and Allen Overbaugh. The ancestors of Mr. Overbaugh were among the early settlers of this region. He was married October 2, 1878, to Catherine, daughter of Abram and Ann Elizabeth Van Horn of the town of Glen. They have three children, Van H., Elbert and Elsie.

Ostrom, Stephen, Glen, one of eight children of Stephen and Anna Maria (Edwards) Ostrom, was born at the old family homestead, December 9, 1856, the others being Charles J., Anna M. E., wife of Richard Winne; Elizabeth, wife of Walter B. Cross; Miriam C., wife of W. Hoagland Baird; Margareta (deceased); David I. and Ella L. Ostrom. Stephen, the father, was born February 13, 1812, and always lived in Glen, where he died August 19, 1886. His wife (Anna Maria) was a daughter of John and Ann (Van Schaick) Edwards of Glen, and was born March 19, 1818. Her grandfather, William Edwards, was born in Wales. He emigrated to this country in early life and settled in this state, marrying Christina Smith, who was of German descent. The father of the first Stephen Ostrom was John, who was born in Dutchess county, April 1, 1761. When twenty-one years of age he came to Glen and settled the farm where his grandson Stephen now lives, and where he died December 20, 1846. He married Anna Lane, who came from New Jersey February 8, 1787, and she died here on November 4, 1830. His father, Henry Ostrom, was born in 1741, and the wife of the latter, Abigail Davenport, was born January 12, 1746.

Ottman, Mrs. Catharine A., Canajoharie, is a daughter of Christopher and Lydia (Hutton) Ottman. Christopher (father of our subject) was born in Root April 18,

1816, and was a son of Henry Ottman, also a native of this country. The great-grandfather, Christian Ottman, came to this county from Holland, settling here previous to the war of the revolution. He was the father of three children, and his wife was Elizabeth Liker, a daughter of Squire Liker of Root, and Henry, grandfather of our subject, was the oldest son. He was married when a young man to Catharine Alpaugh, daughter of Abram and Ann (Pettinger) Alpaugh. Mrs. Alpaugh was a native of New Jersey. Henry was the father of eleven children, six of whom survive: John of Michigan; William of Root; Nelson of Root; Usher of Albany county; Eve Liza, also of Albany county; Ann, widow of George Denham of Albany, and Christopher, father of Catharine, whose home is in Root. He married, at the age of twenty-seven, Lydia, daughter of George and Sarah (Wycoffe) Hutton of Schoharie county, and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are living: Henry W. of Esperance; Sarah, wife of Albert Karner of Wynan's Kill; Harriet, wife of Peter Kocher of Canajoharie; Lottie of Fort Plain; Lorena, wife of Lawrence Vogle of Canajoharie; Jasper of Canajoharie; Mary, wife of H. E. Shinaman of Fort Plain; Ezra of Root, who lives on the old homestead, and our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Ottman are both living, the former seventy-seven years of age, and the latter sixty-nine. Mrs. Ottman conducts a fine farm of 120 acres devoted to hay and grain, and also conducts a dairy of about twenty-five cows. She has two children, Benjamin, who conducts the farm, was born April 28, 1877, and Ada Bertha, a student at Clinton Liberal Institute.

Powell, Samuel F., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Westerlo, Albany county, June 29, 1846, and was educated in the public schools in winters, working on the farm in summer; he also attended Coeymans Academy one year; after this he taught school several terms to obtain means for his further education; he then took the full course at Albany State Normal School, graduating therefrom in January, 1877. January 19, 1882, he married Maria R. Van Derzee of Coeymans; they have five children, three sons and two daughters: Caroline J., Annie L., Van Derzee, Samuel F., jr., and Winfield B. Mr. Powell came to Amsterdam in 1888; he was elected school commissioner in 1881 of Albany county, and served with distinction one full term; he has been a druggist since 1884; his grandfather on his mother's side, Sylvanus Kelly, was in the war of 1812.

Pettingill, Adam Z., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in the town of Mohawk, a mile west of Tribes Hill, April 5, 1858, and is a son of Cornelius and Mary E. (Zieley) Pettingill. He is now conducting the leading industry of Tribes Hill, a paper box manufactory. He employs a large number who make their homes in this village. But the principal advantage of such an establishment in the place is that it gives employment to those who make their purchases at home and thus help the place. The business has been established but six years, and from a small beginning Mr. Pettingill has built it up to its present large proportions. Although doing an extensive business it will be greatly increased the present year (1891). He finds a market for his product in the mills at Fort Hunter, Fultonville, Fonda and Amsterdam. His specialty is the fancy boxes such as are used for silk mitts, etc. He buys most of the stock used direct from the manufacturers in car loads, the paper board mill at Stillwater furnishing the most of it. Mr. Pettingill comes from the old pioneer stock, connected with the an-

cestors of many of the leading business men of this county. His father died in 1871 when Adam was but thirteen years old, and he has had to pull for himself since, with what success is shown by the above sketch. January 19, 1887, he married Julia Slattery of Troy. He has always been an active worker for his political party but not an office seeker. Content to let others govern while he devotes his time and attention to his business.

Pawling Mary A., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Perth, Fulton county, January 24, 1835. She was a daughter of Thomas and Helen (Morton) McQueen, both of whom came from Scotland about 1827, among the earliest settlers of their section. She was educated in the public school and came to Hagaman's Mills in 1857. November 14, 1860, she was married to Myndert W. Pawling of Hagaman's Mills, son of Levi and Jane (Hagaman) Pawling, and they have three children: Jennie, now Mrs. R. B. Davis, born August 11, 1861; Belle, now Mrs. Skinner of Utica, born December 8, 1865; and Henry W., born July 19, 1868, now attending Rutgers College, acquiring a theological education. Mrs. Pawling's neice, Jennie C. Pawling, is a member of her family, having lost her mother in early infancy. She was born March 15, 1882. The first twelve years of Mrs. Pawling's married life were spent on a farm, when Mr. Pawling losing his health they moved into the village, where he died July 18, 1876, aged fifty-six years.

Plantz, Giles H., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in Perth, June 19, 1845, and is a son of Michael and Charlotte (Plantz) Plantz. As far back as our subject can trace, the ancestry were natives of this country. Peter Plantz, grandfather on the mother's side, was born about 1790 and died in 1875. He was the father of ten children, Charlotte being one of the number. Michael Plantz, and grandfather on the father's side, was born about 1785 and died in 1870. He was the father of five children, of which Michael, the father of our subject, was next to the oldest. He married Charlotte Plantz, and they are the parents of six children, four now living: David of Perth; Elizabeth, now Mrs. John H. Putnam of Johnstown; Melissa, now Mrs. George Joslyn of Perth; and Giles, our subject. He was educated in the common schools of Amsterdam and always lived there until his marriage, December 28, 1870, to Etta Hough of the town of Mohawk, and they have one child, Lottie E., born August 20, 1875. Mrs. Plantz died the same day. After his marriage he moved to his present residence, a fine farm of 143 acres. February 20, 1878, he married Etta Putnam, daughter of Aaron and Sarah A. (Hubbs) Putnam of Johnstown. Mr. Plantz has always been a successful farmer, diligent and industrious. He has never been a political office holder, but devotes his whole time and attention to his business.

Putnam M. Matilda, Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born March 31, 1829, at her present residence at Tribes Hill. Mrs. Martha Putnam Van Allen was born at Fonda April 29, 1833; Mrs. Cornelia B. Putnam Pine was born at Fonda October 21, 1838. These three sisters were daughters of Tunis and Rachel (Kline) Putnam. Tunis was a son of John A. Putnam of Massachusetts, who came to this town previous to 1800. He was the father of ten children, of which Tunis was next to the youngest, and he was married March 13, 1828. He was the father of four children, the three mentioned

above, and Sarah A. Putnam, who died in infancy. Tunis Putnam died in 1850, forty-five years of age. His wife, Rachel Kline, died January 1, 1890. She was a daughter of John Kline whose ancestors were Hollanders. He was born in this county in 1778, and was the father of six children, of whom but one is living—Mrs. Angelica Johnson, born February 4, 1816. The name of Putnam is one of great importance in the history of this county, the family being direct descendants of General Israel Putnam of revolutionary fame. John A. Putnam, their grandfather, was for years engaged in the manufacture of leather, also conducted a large farm. The residence of these sisters was built about 1800, one of the oldest in the town of Amsterdam.

Pruyn, Catherine Mrs., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Glen, Montgomery county, March 20, 1819, and July 11, 1839, married Col. Charles H. Skillan of New York. After their marriage they lived in Rome, where he enlisted a regiment of men, known as the Fourteenth N. Y. Volunteers; he was its colonel and was killed in the battle of Gaines' Mills while leading his men in that action; he was as brave a man as ever wore the Union blue. Her second husband was born in the town of Glen, November 25, 1811; he was well educated, was a merchant in the town of Glen forty years and afterwards moved to Amsterdam, where he was a grocery merchant twelve years. He was married three times; first to Jane Ostrum, second to Phoebe, daughter of Rev. Henry V. Wycoff; on June 14, 1874, for his third wife he married Mrs. Catherine (Visscher) Skillan. Mrs. Pruyn never has had any children. Mr. Pruyn was the soul of honor in all his business transactions, and in all the relations of life was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and died in the faith May 23, 1888, loved by all.

Potter, John K., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam on the farm north of the city known as the John Hand farm, January 20, 1823, and was educated in the public schools. He was a farmer until he attained the age of twenty-five, afterwards he was in the lumber business and has been an auctioneer for over thirty years; he has been deputy-sheriff for six years, under sheriff three years, supervisor of the town of Amsterdam two years, and in war times he was town collector. January 4, 1843, he married Margaret, a daughter of Frederick and Hannah Moore of the town of Amsterdam; they had seven children, four of whom are living: Anna E., who married Thomas Emmitt Allen, now of Jackson, Mich.; Isabella M., who married Philip Playford of this city; Oscar K., now city treasurer, who married Sarah Breedon; and Jay N., who married Sarah A. Clapper, now of Catskill. The names of those that died are as follows: Ichabod, who married Alice Smith of this place and died at Catskill, March 19, 1891; Eugene M. and Jennie M., who died about the age of twenty-two months.

Putnam, Victor G., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill, p. o., was born on the old Putnam farm on the north shore of the Mohawk, November 22, 1818, a son of Garret V. and Mary (Hanson) Putnam. Garret V. was a son of Victor Putnam who came to this country from Holland and owned one of the original grants on the north side of the Mohawk, where his son Garret was born in 1793, and always lived there until 1847, when he moved across the river and lived on a farm at what is called Yankee Hill, where he

died in 1875, leaving four children: Dow, living in this town; John H., who lived on the old homestead at Yankee Hill; Deborah A. of Tribes Hill; and Victor G., our subject. Garret was drafted for the war of 1812 but secured a substitute. Victor G. was educated in the public schools of this town and lived at home until his marriage to Jane Stoller, daughter of Christian and Magdalene (Reese) Stoller, which occurred September 21, 1843; after this event he moved to the farm adjoining his present residence, where he remained three years, then came back to his father's farm where he has since remained. He is the father of three children: Sarah, now Mrs. John Sweet of Akin; Anna, and Willard. Mr. Putnam has been a successful farmer and has one of the best hay and grain farms in western Amsterdam. There is a large stone quarry on the place, which is a source of income and profit to Mr. Putnam. He has never been interested in politics.

Peck, Tunis, Amsterdam, was born at Hoffman's Ferry, Schenectady county, on the 13th of September, 1835, and was educated in the public schools and in early life was a clerk in a grocery store. Afterwards he became a partner under the firm name of Green, Wemple & Peck. In 1857 he became a broom manufacturer and is now doing business under the firm name of Tunis, Peck & Company. He was married twice, first in the year 1858 to Annie Lasher of Fonda, by whom he had two children, a son and a daughter, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Peck died in 1865. In the year 1867 he married Susanne Miller of Amsterdam, by whom he has two sons, William M., and Tunis Ralph. Mr. Peck's father, Abram, was born in Charlton, Saratoga county. He married Margaret Swart of the same place. They had two children, only Tunis survived.

Putman, Howard, Amsterdam, was born in Auriesville, Montgomery county, on the 21st of December, 1859, and came to Port Jackson with his parents in 1860. He attended the public schools and Amsterdam Academy and taught school three years, and read law three, when, on the 3d of November, 1888, he was admitted to the bar. He was elected supervisor to represent the First Ward in March, 1886 and 1887. In March, 1888, he was elected city recorder, serving three years, and justice of the peace in 1889, a position which he still holds, besides serving as sewer commissioner and member of the board of education of school district No. 11. He has been identified with the fire department since he was a boy and is now a member of E. D. Bronson Steamer Company, and has been its secretary seven years. He has also been president, secretary and treasurer of the fire department. On the 6th of June, 1880, he married Clara, only daughter of John N. Phillips of this city. They have one son, John M., who was born on the 16th of May, 1882. Mr. Putman's father, John C., was born in the town of Mohawk on the 12th of January, 1822. On the 10th of December, 1845, he married Mary M. Consaul, formerly of Schenectady. They had seven children, three sons and three daughters. William and J. Consaul are now dead. The following survive: Harriet E., Anna, Cora and Dora (twins), and Howard, as noted above.

Potter, Oscar K., Amsterdam, was born at Spraker's, Montgomery county, on the 15th of May, 1852, and came here with his parents when he was two years old. He was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He was elected city

treasurer March 1, 1892, and on the 18th of December, 1873, he married Sarah A., oldest daughter of William and Mary Breedon of Amsterdam. They had one daughter, Laura K., who died April 14, 1880, aged five and a half years. Mr. Potter's father was born on the 20th of January, 1823, in Amsterdam, and married Margaret Moore of the town of Amsterdam. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Anna K., Isabella M., Oscar K., Jay N., Eugene, Ichabod and Jennie M. The ancestry of the family is Dutch.

Peck, Richard, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Wells, Hamilton county, on the 27th of July, 1849, and received a public school and academic education. For one year he followed the vocation of teaching and then read law with a distinguished lawyer, Richard H. Rosa (who held the position of district attorney of Fulton county) for three years and six months. In November, 1874, he was admitted to the bar and practiced at Broadalbin, Fulton county, for one year and three months, after which he came to Amsterdam on the 10th of January, 1876, where he has since resided and practiced his profession. He is a member of the board of education of the city of Amsterdam. On the 23d of August, 1877, he married Lizzie S., only daughter of Richard T. and Eleanor Wade of South Adams, Mass. They have one son, George H., who was born on the 7th of August, 1881. Mr. Peck's father, William B., was born at the old home in Hamilton county, and was county clerk. He married Frances M. Craig of Hamilton county. William B. was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, on the 7th of May, 1864. The ancestry of the family is English and Scotch.

Pawling, William M., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., is a son of Henry and Margaret (Van Der Bogart) Pawling, and was born August 12, 1837, in the town of Galway, Saratoga county. His father, Henry, was born February 25, 1811, and his mother, October 8, 1819, and they were married March 31, 1836. Their children were William M., born November 2, 1839, and Haskell, born in December, 1849. Six years after William's birth his parents moved to Hagaman's Mills, where he went to the village school and also tended cards at his father's mill before and after school hours. In 1849 he left school and gave his whole time to the mill. In 1857 his father, with a partner named Jackson, started the manufacture of knit goods, William Pawling acting as a general superintendent. After the withdrawal of Mr. Jackson from the firm William joined the U. S. navy, shipping aboard the steamer *Fahkee*, dispatch vessel for Rear Admiral Lee. He saw about eight months of service, when he came home and joined his father in partnership in the manufacture of knit goods, remaining thus until about 1871 when he left to build what is now known as the Harrower mill. In 1879-80 he built the Anehor knitting mill at Hagaman's Mills and it was run with the other two, under the firm name of H. Pawling & Sons. In 1884 a division was made, Henry Pawling retiring, H. H. Pawling taking charge of the Star hosiery mill, and William M. of the Anchor knitting mills, which mill he has since conducted.

Pickard Family, The.—This name was originally spelt Pickert, and afterwards Pickerd, and about the commencement of the present century the "e" was changed to "a." John Pickard, the original settler of the family in the Mohawk valley, came from Holland and bought a farm in the original Holland patent, which was located near Brook-

man's Corners, in what is now Minden. This farm has never been out of the possession or name of the family. John was a schoolmaster in his native country, and on coming to America previous to the revolutionary war, he taught languages. Dominie Wack learned the English language from him. He was the first quartermaster-general in the United States, having been appointed in 1775. While carrying dispatches from some point to Cherry Valley he incurred a sickness or was wounded, from the effects of whence he died about 1780. He is buried at Stone Arabia. The following of his children are all we have any trace of: Jacob, Nicholas, Henry, John and a daughter. They all removed to other localities in New York State, excepting Nicholas, who was born in Minden about 1748, and had the following children: Isaac, John, George N., a daughter who married Jacob Wieting; another daughter who was stolen from her parents while an infant by the Indians and who never returned to her native town. Nicholas died in 1830 and is buried at Hallsville. Of his sons, George N. remained on the old homestead. He framed the first wood building in the Otsquago valley. He was born in Minden, July 8, 1778, and married Catharine, daughter of Martin Bettinger. Their children were Abraham, Magdalena, born July 9, 1799, married John Countryman, and died at Cherry Valley; Martinus, born October 4, 1801, died in Minden; Leah, born July 8, 1804, and married Felix Wagner of Minden; Catharine, born November 27, 1806, died at the age of twenty years; George N., died February 5, 1829 Abraham, the oldest of the above family, was born in Minden, May 28, 1797, and married Susan, daughter of Frederick Bronner. She was born November 25, 1804, and they had nine children: Levi, born August 12, 1825, lives in Root; Caty, born January 18, 1827, married Ephraim Wiles, and died in Minden; Asa; George N., born January 22, 1831, lives in Perth; John Adams; Martin Andrews, born February 11, 1835, a resident of Minden and proprietor of Brookman's Corners factory and store; he has one son, Ralph aged twelve; Jacob Henry, died in 1872, aged thirty-five years, and Mary Elizabeth (twins), wife of Ames Walrath of Minden; and Amy Ann, born February 19, 1840, married George Hussang and died Minden. Abraham died December 6, 1882. Asa, of the above family, was born in Minden November 10, 1828, and married Jane Fero. They have one son, Julius A., born September 4, 1853, and married Sarah Linter. Asa learned the trade of blacksmith in 1846 of Jacob Sneed, and located where he now lives in 1852. John Adams, of the above family, was born in Minden November 28, 1832, and married Mary Margaret Youngs. Their four children are: J. Eugene, a resident of Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory; Mary, wife of Elmer E. Wilbur of Johnstown; Albert E., and De Etta. John A., is a carpenter and contractor and located in Fort Plain in 1886, and is the owner of the old farm.

Phillips, George Edgar, Minden, was born at Fort Plain, October 5, 1854, and is the second son in a family of three children of George and Almira (Hancock) Phillips. After attending the schools at Fort Plain, at the age of fourteen years he commenced clerking, and was engaged in different stores in Fort Plain till 1876, when he commenced the study of law with James Genter. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1879, and formed a partnership with Mr. Genter, which was dissolved in the spring of 1882, since which time he has carried on business alone. A Republican in politics, he has never held public office. Mr. Phillips married, October 16, 1882, Jeanie, daugh-

ter of Thomas Hollis of Fort Plain. Mrs. Phillips is a native of Birmingham, England. They have two children, Gertrude and Edna.

Putnam, John W., Glen, one of seven children of William and Eliza C. (Martin) Putnam, was born in Glen, June 14, 1847. The others were John, Martin, Hannah, Mary (all deceased); Ann Leslie (Mrs. Delos Higbie); and Harriet (Mrs. William L. Sammons). William Putnam, the father, was born in Mohawk and was one of four children. His wife, Eliza C., was born in Glen, and was one of the thirteen children of Jerry Martin and wife. John Putnam, the grandfather, was also born in Glen. John W. Putnam was married in 1881, to Jennie H. Rickard of Skaneateles. She was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Rickard, and was one of three children. Mr. Putnam was born on the old homestead, where, excepting a few years in early life, he always lived.

Post, Henry W., M. D., Glen, one of two children of O. R. and Rachel C. (Watrous) Post, was born at Brattleboro, Vt., November 23, 1854. On the completion of the high school course in his native city he entered Amherst College in 1872. He then took two courses at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York and spent two years in the city hospital at Hartford, Conn., after which he began the practice of his profession in the town of Marcellus, where he remained for nine years. In 1889 he removed to Fultonville, where he now resides, continuing his profession. February 4, 1880, he married Julia Daboll of Memphis, one of five children of Henry and Charlotte Goodwin Daboll. They have two children, Florence and Henry D. Post.

Payne, H. Blackford, Glen, was born in London, England, February 26, 1859, where he was educated and lived until twenty-one years of age. His father was Francis Pegg Payne, M. D., and his grandfather was Harry Blackford, the noted inventor and member of the old established firm of Cooper & Blackford, coach lace manufacturers of Long Acre, London. Mr. Payne studied law but at the age of twenty-one he entered his brother-in-law's lace mill in Nottingham, where he soon developed a remarkable ability in the manufacture of lace, he being the originator of twenty-four inventions in connection with the knitting and lace industries, the most important of them being the straight warp knitting machine, known in the trade as "Payne's Fast Warp Machine," and the circular traverse warp knitting machine (the first invention of this machine). He was also first inventor of the double tier lace machine. He was married in Nottingham on March 26, 1881, to Ann Hall of that city. He came to this country in 1888, and has been superintendent of the Starin Silk Fabric company since May 1, 1899. He has four children: Henry F. B., Winifred A. B., Lillian A. M., and Florence Victoria. The Starin Silk Fabric company of Fultonville was organized by Commodore John H. Starin in 1885 for the benefit of the young people of Fultonville, the product being silk gloves and mitts. The factory gives remunerative employment to about 200 workers, the product being nearly one million pairs of gloves and mitts per year. The main building is 85 x 35 feet, three stories and basement, with adjoining workshops. Mr. H. Blackford Payne is superintendent of the mill.

Place, Daniel N., Minden, was born in the town of Poestenkill, then Sand Lake, Rensselaer county, May 15, 1838, and is the oldest son in a family of nine children of

John J. and Lucinda (Searles) Place. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and in his early life he worked with his father. His education was limited to the district schools, and he afterwards learned the wagonmaker's trade, and opened a shop at Poestenkill, where he continued till 1868, when he purchased of Henry Adams a grocery store in Troy. He disposed of this business in 1872, and two years later purchased of Charles Garrison of that city a wholesale coffee and spice stock, which he continued to run till his removal to Minden in 1880. Since his location in Montgomery county he has been engaged in farming. He married Hulda Horton, and they have five children, viz.: Louisa, wife of George Harpel of Lansingburgh; James E., a merchant in Minden; Hattie M., wife of Frederick Stair of Rotterdam; Frank B., in the men's furnishing business at Troy; and George V., a resident of Minden. Mr. Place is a Democrat in politics, and was for two years town clerk of Poestenkill, and has been for the past twelve years justice of the peace.

Putman, Simon W., Mohawk, son of George F. and Sarah C. (Veeder) Putman, was born in Fonda, March 7, 1853, and has always lived in that place. He was educated in the common schools and Amsterdam Academy. In 1878 he was appointed clerk of the surrogate's court and filled that position until January 1, 1889, when he was admitted to the bar, having previously practiced for several years. In 1881 he was elected justice of the peace, and served as trustee of the village and as member of the board of water commissioners. He is a member of the Fultonville Lodge No. 531 F. & A. M., Fonda Lodge 226, A. O. U. W., Mohawk River Lodge 168 K. of P., and Cayadutta Council 1405 Royal Arcanum. John I. Putman was a son of Captain Gerrit Putman of Schenectady county, who owned a large tract of land in that county, and served as captain in the army of the revolution. John I. settled on Tribes Hill at an early day, where he purchased a mile square of land, and raised a large family of children. Fisher Putman was a son of John I. and was born at Tribes Hill. He married Jane Ellison, and was an early postmaster, holding the office for several years. He was a harness-maker and carried on that business during his life. He had six children by his first wife and three by his second—a Miss Balch. George F., son of Fisher, was born at Tribes Hill June 26, 1824. He learned the trade of blacksmith and carried on the business in Fonda until his death, July 13, 1891. He married Sarah C. Veeder, who bore him four children: Lydia, who died in infancy; Simon W.; Charles M., born January 26, 1859. He lives in Johnstown and is a painter; also George A., born October 4, 1864, who lives at Fonda.

Putman, Victor A., Glen, was born on the old homestead in the town of Glen, July 28, 1822, and is one of the eight children of Abraham V. Putnam, who was born August 28, 1800, and was married September 21, 1813, by Rev. Peter Van Buren, to Maria, daughter of John C. and Eva (Clute) Vedder. Maria was born March 15, 1796, and died February 19, 1850. Victor C. Putnam, the grandfather, was born in the town of Glen (at that time Tryon county) May 31, 1756, and died November 9, 1816. He was lieutenant in Colonel Willett's levies, also in Colonel Harper's, and fought at Oriskany and at Johnstown. He married first Anne, daughter of Abraham Garrison. She was born in 1757 and died February 14, 1813. He married second Mrs. Margaret (Visscher) Ten Eyck, daughter of Hermon Visscher, and sister of Col. Frederick

Visscher. She was born March 11, 1759, and was one of two children who made their escape at the massacre of their brothers at the homestead farm in 1780. Cornelius, the great-grandfather, was born in 1724, and died April 19, 1798. His wife, Elizabeth (Pruyn) Putman, was born in 1726 and died March 21, 1812. The father of Cornelius was Victore Putman, who married, December 2, 1706, the sister of Jan Pieterse Miebie. In 1727 the land lying next to the Mabie property was put down on an old parchment map as owned by Victore Putman, and this land is still in the possession of a descendant of the family. Victore was the second son of Jan Pootman. Johannes (Jan) Putman in 1661 was a boy of sixteen, living at Albany. He came to Schenectady in 1662, and married Cornelia, a daughter of Arent Andries Bradt, and Catalynje De Vos, of Schenectady. In 1690 both he and his wife were massacred by the Indians. Victor A. Putman was married October 6, 1840, to Eveline Van Horne, who was born April 23, 1822, only daughter of Cornelius C. and Hannah Van Horne. They had four children: Anna, born November 19, 1841; John V., born March 14, 1844; Abram V., born February 14, 1849, died January 18, 1852; and Van Horne, born August 28, 1854, died July 31, 1855. Anna Putman married, December 30, 1861, Edwin D. Cady, and they have one son, Rev. Putman Cady, born at Auriesville, May 13, 1863. He received his preparatory education at Schenectady, and graduated from Princeton College in 1885, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1888. He is now pastor of the First Presbyterian church of West Superior, Wis. Abraham V. Putman, father of our subject, was appointed, March 22, 1816, ensign of a company of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of Infantry of the State of New York by Governor Tompkins; was appointed, April 24, 1818, lieutenant in same regiment by Gov. Dewitt Clinton, by whom he was also appointed, December 27, 1826, captain of riflemen. He was supervisor during the year 1828, and was member of assembly of the State of New York in 1836-37. He died April 3, 1855. Victor A. has also served as supervisor. John V. Putman who is now serving his second term as supervisor, was elected justice of the peace in 1885, and served four years. The above three were supervisors of the town of Glen one-fourth of the time since 1828.

Putman, Victor, a native of Holland, settled in Root previous to the Revolution. He was an old man when the war broke out, and a cripple, and when out fishing one day with two other men, they were taken prisoners and he was killed. He had six sons and four daughters. Philip V., son of Victor, was born in Root, and married Elizabeth Kring, by whom he had nine children, seven sons and two daughters. He was a hatter by trade, and was a cloth dresser several years. He was blind for some years before his death, which occurred August 19, 1859. His wife died February 22, 1856. His son, Stephen, was born in Root, March 4, 1824. When he was nine years old his father moved to Palatine, and Stephen resided there until twenty-five years of age. At the age of fourteen he went to work out on a farm. January 22, 1851, he married Miss Dockstader of Palatine, and two years later he bought the farm where he now lives. He had thirteen children, seven of whom are living. His wife died July 8, 1884. He was roadmaster in his district for thirty-two years, and was instrumental in getting the Yellowville road through. He is a member of the Reformed church of Stone Arabia, of which he has been elder eight years. Stephen Putman's father was born November 20, 1791; he also was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Pardee, J. H., Palatine, was born in Hampden, Conn., April 3, 1834. His parents were John and Harriet Pardee, natives of Connecticut, who reared two daughters and three sons, J. H. being the youngest. His grandfather was Joel Pardee; and his great-grandfather was Thomas Pardee. The family has been in this country over two hundred years, and is of French and English descent. J. H. Pardee received a common school education and learned the trade of mason. He afterwards became a machinist, and was superintendent of the Spring and Axle works at Bridgeport for a time; after which he went to Massachusetts and married Martha, daughter of Loring and Harriet (Foster) Shumway of Belchertown. The Shumiways trace their ancestors to the *Mayflower*. J. H. and wife have one son, Thomas, who is a clerk for Devoe & Shumway of Fort Plain. In 1880 Mr. Pardee came to Fort Plain and took charge of the Spring and Axle works at that place. He was superintendent five years, since which time he has been engaged in the invention and construction of tools used in the shop.

Powers, William H., Root, was born in Sprakers, April 13, 1866, and is a son of Nelson and Eliza C. (Quackenbush) Powers, natives of Palatine and Root, respectively. In early life Mr. Powers was a railroad man in the employ of the New York Central Railroad, but has followed farming since. He was the only child of his parents that reached maturity. He received a district school education, and taught school three terms. At the age of twenty he engaged in farming and was elected justice of the peace in February, 1889, which office he resigned in July, 1891. He is a Prohibitionist in politics.

Quackenbush, David H., Palatine, was born in Root, July 9, 1836. His father was William, born in Root, September 10, 1810, and his grandfather was Peter, a native of Holland, but an early settler of Root, where he died. The mother of David H. was Clarissa Leroy, born in Montgomery county. William Quackenbush and wife raised a family of ten children. He was a farmer and died in 1864, and his wife in 1883. David H. was brought up on a farm and attended the common school. He married Phoebe, daughter of Daniel Van Wie of Palatine. They have one daughter, Nancy, now Mrs. McClellan Quackenbush, and who resides on the farm of Andrew Van Wie, deceased; she has one child, Maggie. David H. and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Stone Arabia.

Quilhot, John, Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in the town of Perth January 24, 1830, and is a son of Peter (born March 22, 1798) and Jane (Van Nest) Quilhot. This name is one of the oldest in the history of Fulton and Montgomery counties. The ancestors were French, and the family as far back as we can trace were residents of this section. Peter, father of our subject, was born in 1798 and died in 1864, leaving nine children, six are now living: Anne Gertrude Moore of Mohawk; Arian Vosburgh of Johnstown; Jane E. Heagle of Johnstown; Stephen of Amsterdam; Peter of New York; and John, our subject. He was educated in the common schools and helped his father on the farm until the latter's death, when he and his brother Henry (who died in 1881) conducted the farm. January 6, 1858, he married Jane A. Hart, daughter of Henry and Dorothy (Stoller) Hart, and their union has been blessed with two children: Henry J. of Johnstown, born September 12, 1859, and Anna, born March 20, 1865.

Mrs. Quilbot died in 1867. Mr. Quilhot lived on the farm until 1891, when he moved to his present residence near the Lutheran church, where, in his advanced years, he finds enough to occupy his time in attending to the twenty acres belonging to this place. His daughter Anna lives with him, and is his comfort in his declining years.

Romeyn, Thomas E., Amsterdam, was born on the farm where he now lives, in Amsterdam, December 27, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Van Wormer) Romeyn. Thomas, father of our subject, was a son of Rev. Thomas Ronney, who was a son of Rev. Thomas Romeyn, who was the first protestant preacher west of Schenectady. Thomas, grandfather of our subject, was located in Florida and preached in the circuit including the counties of Montgomery, Schenectady and Saratoga. Thomas Romeyn, father of our subject, was educated for a surveyor and always followed that profession together with that of farming. He was married when he was thirty-four years of age, and when he died, July 10, 1885, he left one child, Thomas E. (our subject), whose boyhood days were spent at home. He was educated at the common schools, Jonesville and Amsterdam Academies. September 2, 1863, he married Jane A. Milroy, daughter of John E. and Matilda (Haswell) Milroy of Glenville. They are the parents of five children: Thomas T., Anna M. (now Mrs. John Denel), Elizabeth, Benjamin and J. Edwin. Mr. Romeyn has always lived on the old homestead with the exception of six years, when he lived in Glenville. He conducts and owns three large grain farms, making together about 230 acres. He is prosperous and successful, and has been a town officer a great many terms, also followed surveying for twenty-nine years.

Rivenburg, Jonas, Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in the town of St. Johnsville, October 18, 1847, and is a son of Martin and Mary A. (Rockenfelter) Rivenberg. The ancestry of this family were Hollanders. But as far back as our subject can trace the immediate family were born in this country. The early life of Jonas was spent in Ephratah, where his parents moved soon after his birth. He was educated in the common schools, and was yet a schoolboy when the war broke out. On December 28, 1863, he enlisted in the Thirteenth New York Heavy Artillery, and saw service about Norfolk and through Virginia. He stayed with the regiment until the close of the war, when he was mustered out under general orders on the 24th of August, 1865. He returned home and followed farming. October 16, 1867, he married Martha Darby, daughter of Samuel Darby of Ephratah. Their union has been blessed by seven children, six of whom are living: Jennie, now Mrs. S. Liford; Samuel, Carl, Edward, Adrian, and Millie. Mr. Rivenburg is the trusted engineer of No. 2 mill at Fort Johnson, and has been engaged with A. V. Morris & Sons for about six years.

Rulison, Elbert T., M. D., Amsterdam, was born on the 9th of June, 1852, in Parish, Oswego county, and was educated in the public schools, Mexico Academy and Cazenovia Seminary. He graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1875 and first practiced at Bath on the Hudson for four years, but came to Amsterdam in 1880. Dr. Rulison early saw the necessity of a city hospital, and was one of the first, if not the original promoter of it, and the wisdom of this project has been so manifested that now there is need of an enlarged building and other facilities. The doctor is a member of

the New York State Medical Association and the Montgomery Medical Society; also of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M. of Amsterdam, Chapter No. 81 R. A. M., and of Chincoteague Lodge No. 100, Knights of Pythias. On the 2d of October, 1878, he married Libbie, only daughter of William and Christina Newhouse of Bath. They have had four children: one girl, Lillian M., died in infancy. Three are living, Mabel N., Elbert T., jr., and Emily C.

Reid, Jay A., Amsterdam, was born on the homestead near Amsterdam June 13, 1843; he received a common school education and was a farmer by occupation. October 19, 1871, he married Alice, third and youngest daughter of Daniel D. and Mary I. Herrick of this city. They have had two children, Arthur and Frank; the latter died at the age of fourteen months. Mr. Reid's father, James, was born in Scotland and when he was seven years old came with his parents to the United States. They located in the town of Amsterdam, now incorporated in the city. His father married Laura Bartlett of Galway; they had three children, two sons and one daughter: Mary, who married John T. De Graff; Jay A., and Edward M., who resides in Brooklyn.

Reid, W. Max, Amsterdam, was born in the village of Amsterdam June 8, 1839, and was educated in the public schools. In his early life he was a clerk in several dry goods establishments, and afterwards book-keeper for I. C. Shuler & Company. At the death of John McDonald he took charge of his widow's interest in the concern until the dissolution of the partnership in 1859; at this time Mr. Reid began business for himself by gathering the fragments of the old concern together, and has since manufactured burial caskets and conducted an undertaking establishment. Mr. Reid is identified with the public enterprises of this city; he is president of the board of trade, secretary of the Amsterdam city hospital, secretary of Green Hill Cemetery association, senior warden of St. Ann's Episcopal church, trustee of the Young Men's Christian association, member of the advisory committee of the Children's Home, a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., of this city. After the board of trade was formed he was largely instrumental in securing the charter for the city of Amsterdam. June 8, 1860, he married Laura L., oldest daughter of the late John and Maria McDonald; they have three children, two sons and a daughter: James McD., who is deputy postmaster and married Carrie Nettle of Gloversville; they have one daughter, Laura Panline; Carrie C., who resides with her parents, and Augustus C., who is a student in the designing department of Stephen Sanford & Sons. Mr. Reid's father, William, was born in Spedlock, Dumfries, Scotland, November 12, 1779, and sailed from Greenock June 1, 1802, arrived in New York August 8 the same year, and located in the town of Amsterdam, February 1, 1806; he married for his first wife Sarah, sister of the late Benedict Arnold and had five children: Darwin E., James B., Louisa J., Minerva and Marion. September 23, 1835, for his second wife he married Chloe Smith of Galway, and had three children, one died in infancy, two sons survive: W. Max and Myron W., who is a druggist in that town. Mr. Reid's father taught school the first four years after his arrival; he was afterwards a merchant, justice of peace and held other offices. In Scotland he had an acquaintance with Robert Burns, the Scottish Poet, who resided at Dumfries a portion of his life.

Rulison, Eleazer E., M. D., Amsterdam, was born on the 2d of April, 1855, in Parish, and was educated in the public schools and Mexico Academy and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1881. He located in the city of Amsterdam and on the 11th of March, 1882, married Adell E., second daughter of Lewis and Harriet Miller of Mexico, Oswego county. They have one daughter, Marion M. Dr. Rulison's father, Allen, was born in Herkimer county on the 2d of October, 1818, and married Emily Cornelia Brockway of Parish. They had four children: one son, Austin, died at the age of three years; Elbert T., Eleazer E., and Luman B., who is a physician in West Troy. He married Ada Ogsbury of the city of Albany. They have one daughter, Adell. The three sons have been farmers, school teachers, and are now leading physicians in the several places where they reside. The doctor has been surgeon for the West Shore railway the past six years.

Ruback, Charles F., Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Prussia, February 19, 1847, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Wardell) Ruback of Prussia, who came to this country in 1862 and settled in West Galway. Charles, our subject, spent five years with Mr. Calderwood dressing glove leather. March 6, 1867, he married Nellie Youngjohn, daughter of Garret and Mary (De Graff) Youngjohn. After his marriage he bought a place containing sixteen acres of land, which he kept but five years and sold at a profit, buying then eighty-eight acres in the same town, where he lived ten years. During the time he owned the farm he bought a threshing machine, which he run so successfully and understood so well that the manufacturers (who took the first premium on their machine at the Centennial Exposition) employed Mr. Burback to act as their representative to Prussia and Russia, and he has now in his possession his passport, dated December 16, 1876, and signed by J. C. Bancroft, our minister to the German Empire at that time. The manufacturers sent three machines to Russia which Mr. Ruback set up and started. When we remember that at that time Russia was at war with Turkey, it was a dangerous position to be placed in, and the manufacturers showed great confidence in him, to send him on such a mission. In 1882 he sold his farm at Galway and came to Hagaman's Mills, where he bought a house and store on one of the principal streets and started a harness shop. He is the father of nine children, only three of whom are now living: Emma J., now Mrs. Charles Fink of Hagaman's Mills, born January 30, 1868; Sophia E., now Mrs. Luther Sowle of Hagaman's Mills, born July 24, 1869; Mary Ellis, born February 10, 1878. Emma Fink is the mother of one child five years old. Mr. Ruback is a successful business manager and is building up a trade second to no other harness store in his vicinity.

Roof Family, The.—The first settler of this family in America was Johannis Rueff (anglicized Roof). He was born at Duiilack, Suabia, Germany, January 9, 1730, and married January 13, 1759, Anne Mair Leonhido, a native of Heidelberg. In 1759 they came to Philadelphia, and in 1760 removed to Fort Stanwix, now Rome. They remained there till 1777, when the fort was attacked and they came to Canajoharie, where they both died. They had eight children, the four older ones having been born in Fort Stanwix and the others in Canajoharie. The fifth son, Andrew, was born in Canajoharie, July 1, 1785. He had two children, Catharine, who married Elijah Failing and died in Baldwinsville, and Josiah, born in Minden August 21, 1821, who married

Nancy, daughter of Peter Elwood of Minden. They had twelve children: Peter Elwood, born November 15, 1843, died August 31, 1848; Ann Maria, born May 24, 1846, died August 31, 1848; Reuben, born June 10, 1848, studied civil engineering at Fort Edward Academy, graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in 1874; he came to Fort Plain in 1878, where he practiced law until his death September 27, 1885; Daniel, born January 24, 1850, died March 14, 1856; Mary Catharine, born January 10, 1852, wife of Daniel E. Nestell of Minden; John A.; Homer, born November 17, 1855, resides in Frankfort; Charles, born August 21, 1857, resides at Suspension Bridge; Ida, born July 24, 1860, wife of Byron C. Miller of Minden; Lydia, born July 23, 1860, died March 15, 1861; Webster, born February 5, 1863, resides in Syracuse; Cora Dell, born September 15, 1865, wife of Eugene Smith of Minden. Mrs. Roof died May 31, 1892, aged sixty-six years, ten months and ten days. John A., son of Josiah, was born in Minden, October 11, 1853. His father was a farmer, and his education was limited to the winter terms of the district schools. At the age of sixteen years he turned his attention to cheesemaking, which he followed till 1879, when he became connected with the Orange County Milk Association, a stock company, which is owned principally by New York partners, and which manufactures condensed milk which is shipped to New York city in cans and retailed by the association's wagons in that city. Mr. Roof is a stockholder in that company and also holds the position of superintendent. A Republican in politics, he has also been trustee of the village of Fort Plain, and in 1892 was elected president. He married Emily, daughter of David Geesler of Fort Plain, and has five children: Maude, Nellie, Guy, Harvey and John.

Rapp, William C., Minden, was born in Canajoharie, December 10, 1853, and is the fourth son in a family of five sons of Daniel and Sarah J. (Failing) Rapp. His early life was spent on the farm, and he received only a common school education. He carried on farming until 1882, when he was employed at Fort Plain by the American Express Company, and spent one year for them at Poughkeepsie, and about four years ago became superintendent of the Fort Plain cemetery, which position he now fills. He is a Republican in politics. He married Martha, daughter of William Tiffany of Fort Plain, and has two children: Eula and Bertie.

Rickard, Charles, Glen, was born in Root, January 3, 1847, and is one of five children of Henry and Sarah Ellen (Abel) Rickard of Root, the others being Philip Abel, William Henry, Frederic (who died in childhood), and one sister, who died in infancy. Charles married, October 29, 1873, Margaret Ann, one of six children of Abram and Catharine (Devendorf) Starin of Glen. The others were as follows: John H., Jacob A., Lizzie, wife of Douw Heagel, David H., and Levi A. Starin. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard have two children, Clara Lynn and Maggie May Rickard. Mr. Rickard began in business in Fultonville in 1869, and in 1873 entered the drug business in that place where he has since remained. He has been one of the most successful business men in the locality, having for the last few years turned his attention to real estate. He is now one of largest real estate owners in Fultonville. Mr. Rickard has also interested himself in the school, being a member of the school board when the new school-house

was erected, which is one of the best in the valley. He has also been president of the board of education, etc.

Roser, Adam, Canajoharie, was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, July 16, 1823, and came to this country in 1850. He located in Canajoharie where his first business was teaching music and as a leader of brass and string bands, which profession he followed in connection with his trade as cabinet maker for about thirty years. In 1852 his brother Joseph came to this country, and as soon as they had accumulated money enough they formed a partnership in the furniture business, which they gradually increased until they were the leading establishment in that business in this section. Adam retired from the firm in 1887 and has since lived a retired life. He has held the office of trustee of the village for three years, being elected for two successive terms. In 1853 he married Julia Kerschner, who was born in the same town in Germany. They had one son who died in infancy, and five daughters: Lena, wife of Frank Gesser, a draughtsman of Utica; Mary, died in November, 1886; Julia, wife of Voorhees Bush of Canajoharie; Sarah, wife of William Knapp of Canajoharie; and Katherine, wife of F. L. Burton, jeweler, of Canajoharie.

Richmond, Adelbert G., banker of Canajoharie, was born in DeRuyter, Madison county, on the 22d of January, 1838, and is a son of R. W. and Caroline Hart Richmond. The father was a dealer in live stock and came from Rhode Island and early settled in De Ruyter. The Harts were among the earliest settlers of Madison county. Adelbert G. was educated at the village school and about 1856 entered the bank at Chittenango where he remained three years as teller. He then went to the Mohawk bank as teller for three years, when he went to Washington, being engaged in the treasury department from 1862 to 1865. Returning to the Mohawk valley, he became the first cashier of the National Bank of Canajoharie, which place he still holds and at the same time is engaged in various enterprises. On the 15th of March, 1883, he married Helen A. Weaver of Canajoharie, by whom he has one daughter, Emily Adell, born on the 20th of June, 1884. Mr. Richmond is a Republican in politics, but prefers to give his entire time to the attention of his business affairs than to accept any office. He is an enthusiast in archeological research, and has a collection of about 20,000 specimens from nearly every State in the Union and many parts of Europe and the islands of the sea. He has been an extensive traveler in making his collections. He has recently built for himself one of the finest residences in the Mohawk valley.

Roser, Joseph, Canajoharie, was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, December 29, 1832, came to this country in 1852 and located in Canajoharie where he has since made his home. He was one of the three sons of a cabinet maker, who were all musicians, and each was taught his father's trade. Joseph, in company with his brother, Adam, started what is now one of the largest furniture and undertaking establishments in this town in 1856. Mr. Roser at first met with many difficulties in his business, but by persevering he surmounted these and an increase of trade has placed him in easy circumstances. In 1869 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of town clerk and was re-elected in 1870-71. He has also held the office of village trustee for two years. December 27, 1855, he married Sophia, daughter of Charles Scharff of this

village, a native of Germany (Hanover). They have had five children, four of whom survive: Elizabeth, wife of Fred C. Leppert of Canajoharie; Joseph A.; William J., of the firm of Roser & Burton, jewelers; and Frederick C. Joseph Roser visited Germany, his native home, in 1882.

Retallick, Joseph, Canajoharie, Marshville p. o., was born in Cornwall, England, May 29, 1831, and came to this country in 1832 with his parents, William and Charlotte (Dennis) Retallick. They located first in West Troy, where William followed farming the rest of his life. He was killed by the cars on his eightieth birthday in April, 1856. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living. The early life of our subject was spent in West Troy. He was educated in the common school, and early took up canalizing as a means of livelihood, and by saving his earnings, when twenty years of age he had enough money to buy a boat of his own, and when he came to Canajoharie in 1862 he owned three boats. That year he bought the farm of his present residence. This is a fine farm of 115 acres and one of the most beautiful homes in town. The principal industry is the cultivation of hops, of which Mr. Retallick has about thirty-five acres, employing about sixty-five workers in the busy season. January 16, 1853, he married Melissa Ellis, daughter of Joseph H. and Perlina (Mills) Ellis of West Troy, and they have had eight children: George H., born March 27, 1855; William E., born October 30, 1857; Joseph E. and James W. (twins), born July 5, 1859, the latter dying aged twenty-two months; James, born September 22, 1865; Freddie, born in 1863, who was killed September 13, 1874, by a runaway; Charles, born May 19, 1868; and Alfred, born December 9, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Retallick are active workers in church matters, and he is a trustee of the Marshville Evangelical church. Mr. Retallick is deserving of praise, for he began life under unfavorable circumstances, and is now one of the largest farmers and hop-growers in the county. He is the owner of 330 acres, divided into three farms, the old homestead, and George and William each conducting one.

Robinson, Henry J., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in Albany county, December 1, 1800, and is a son of Anthony and Ann (Flagg) Robinson. The grandfather of our subject came to this country from England in company with Sir William Johnson; his name was Daniel Robinson and he was the father of three children, of whom Anthony was the only son. There were two daughters, both of whom were taken by the Indians, and though their father spent two years searching for them they were never found. Anthony was born in Johnstown in 1775; was married in Schenectady to Ann Flagg in 1797 and they were the parents of six children, of whom three reached an adult age: Daniel, Mary Ann and Henry J., our subject. His early boyhood days were spent in Albany county. When he was ten years old his parents moved to Schoharie county, from there in 1816 they moved to Duaneburg, and then to Albany, where Henry was married to Ellen Bullock of Bethlehem, October 12, 1831; she lived but eight months after. In 1833 he moved to this county, buying a farm in company with his father, and in 1834 they sold it and bought the farm of his present residence, a fine place of 148 acres. December 3, 1834, he married Elizabeth Ann Sanimous, and they have been the parents of seven children, six of whom are living: Ellen, wife of John Nevens of Amsterdam; Addie M. of Canajoharie; Henry K. of Galway; Cornelius A., who owns the old homestead; Samuel N. of Canajoharie; and Mary M., wife of

Densmore Campoell of Cherry Valley. Cornelius A. was married August 18, 1880, to Katie D. Fox, daughter of Oliver G. and Sarah (Coleman) Fox, and they are the parents of two children: Clarence N., born June 13, 1881; Raymond D., born September 23, 1887. While Henry J. was living in Albany he followed carriage making, and in 1831 built the tender of the first locomotive ever run from Albany to Schenectady, and the first in the country.

Rickard, Arthur, Palatine, was born in Palatine on the old homestead now owned by his brother John, December 1, 1848. He is a son of Josiah R. and Catherine L. Rickard, mentioned elsewhere in this book. He was raised on a farm and was educated at the common school. In 1868 he married Almina, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Nellis) Saltsman. They have had four children: Estella, Jay D. (who died in infancy), Elsie C., and John F. Mr. Rickard is a Republican, a member of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433 F. & A. M., of Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 66 K. of H., and of Stone Arabia Grange No. 690.

Rickard, John, Palatine, was born in Palatine, July 25, 1841. His father was Josiah Rickard, who married Catherine L. Nellis (born July 12, 1817); they had six sons and three daughters. His grandfather was Frederick Rickard, born in Palatine in 1878, (son of Lewis Rickard, who purchased the original farm). Frederick Rickard married Polly Snell and raised a family of five daughters and three sons. He died December 19, 1868. Josiah Rickard was born in Palatine, June 17, 1813, received a common school education, and lived and died on the Rickard homestead. He and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed church. He died in 1888 and his wife August 26, 1879. John Rickard was brought up a farmer, and received a common school education. He married Fanny, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Phillips of Oneida county. Their children are Catherine H. and Wilmer J. Mrs. Rickard is a member of the M. E. Church. A great-uncle of the subject (John Rickard), born in 1783, owned a portion of Mr. Rickard's farm, which he gave to Josiah Rickard. He was a tailor, and died in Palatine in 1855.

Runkle, Henry, Root, a son of Daniel and Sallie (Gordon) Runkle, was born February 3, 1836, in Root. He attended the district school and the academy. At the age of thirty he took charge of his father's farm (which he now owns) containing originally 220 acres. July 12, 1861, he married Elizabeth, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Baird) Clute of Charleston. They have eight children: Sarah, wife of Melvin J. Hight; Cornelius J., Lettie M., wife of Henry K. Ingersoll; William S., Catherine B., Lewis R., Irving H., and Frank E. He and his wife are both active members of the Presbyterian church. His grandfather, Peter Runkle, came from Holland and settled near Lyker, Montgomery county. He has the following children: John, Henry, Cornelius, Daniel, (Elizabeth, Maria and Catherine). Daniel, the father of Henry, was born October 22, 1798, in Root. He married Sallie, daughter of Peter and Phoebe Gordon, and they had six children: John D., Peter, Cornelius (deceased), Jacob G., Henry and Daniel. He died May 30, 1877; his wife died December 26, 1873. He was a Democrat in politics and a deacon and trustee of the Carlisle Presbyterian church many years.

Reynolds, Jacob, Root, was born in the town of Greenbush, Rensselaer county, February 16, 1828, and is a son of James and Hannah (Dennison) Reynolds. He received his education in the district schools and the Albany State Normal School, also at the Whitesboro Seminary, and began teaching at the age of eighteen years in the district school. He continued this for about ten years, spending his summers on the farm. He now owns a homestead of 131 acres. He married June 30, 1859, Agnes, daughter of David and Catherine (Baxter) Mereness, natives of Schoharie county, and they had four children: James M., who died aged five years; Etta C., died aged one year; Willie, died aged seven; and Harvey, who is attending the Albany Business School. Mr. Reynolds and wife are members of the Lutheran church. The grandfather of Jacob came from Ireland and settled in Rensselaer county, where he raised a large family of children. One son (the father of our subject) was also reared in Rensselaer county and learned the trade of blacksmith. In 1835 he came to Flat Creek and bought 100 acres of the original Luke Wessell farm, where he died in March, 1876, aged eighty-three years. He was born in 1793. His wife was born in 1800 and died in 1866. Their children were Margaret, Mary, George, Jacob, Martha, Matilda and Charles. Two are now living, Jacob and Matilda.

Scott, Nelson, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam June 28, 1852, and is a son of Alexander and Louisa J. (Clisbe) Scott. His early life was spent at home and attending the district school until he was about seventeen, when he spent two winters at the Amsterdam Academy. In 1859 his parents bought the farm of 160 acres known as the old Bell farm, where Mr. Scott now lives. After the latter left school he assisted his father on the farm. December 28, 1875, he married Electa A., daughter of Stephen H. and Ester M. (Riggs) Collins. (See Collins Biog). They have been the parents of four children, two of whom are living: Charles W., born December 31, 1878, and Mary Alice, born March 9, 1888. Mr. Scott has been a successful farmer and has one of the best dairy farms in this section. Alexander (his father) came to this country from Scotland in 1839, when he was twenty-three years old. He was a very prominent and well-known man, having held the position of supervisor of the town of Amsterdam for seven consecutive years. He died September 3, 1885, leaving one other son besides Nelson, Rev. Willard Scott, pastor of the South Congregational church in Chicago. Mrs. Louisa J. Scott, mother of Nelson, was a daughter of Darius Clisbe, who came from New Jersey with his parents when but thirteen years old. She died December 24, 1880. In March, 1890, a subordinate grange of patrons of husbandry was organized in Hagaman's Mills, in which Nelson Scott has taken a great interest, and has held the office of overseer for one year, being then elected master, which office he has since held. The Patrons Fire Relief Association is connected with the grange, of which he is director and treasurer.

Sweatman, Dr. Newton F., Amsterdam, was born March 28, 1850, in the town of Sharon, Schoharie county; he was educated in the public schools and studied medicine with Dr. Van Deveer of Albany; he graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1872 and for fifteen years practiced at Fultonville, but in the spring of 1887 he came to Amsterdam. February 28, 1871, he married Sara, second daughter of Edward and

Mary A. Carey of Sloansville, Schoharie county; they have one daughter, Clara D. Dr. Sweatman is a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society. The ancestry of the family is Dutch on both sides.

Serviss, William, Amsterdam, was born in Fultonville, on the 23d of November, 1841, and was educated in the common schools and came to Amsterdam in 1873. He bought the site of the Mudge Hollow flouring and saw-mills, afterwards a cider-mill was added. This enterprise has since been conducted under the firm of Serviss & De Graff. On the 26th of January, 1871, he married Mary E. Williams of Florida, by whom he had two sons: Arthur P. and Earl V. Mr. Serviss's father, Chelatt, was born in Florida and married Christie McMichael of the same town. They had five children. Mr. Serviss's great-grandfather was in the battle of Oriskany.

Stairs, Robert, Amsterdam, Rockton p. o., was born in Sterlingshire, Scotland, April 25, 1840, and came to this country with his father, two brothers and five sisters in 1849. They settled in Schenectady where Robert attended the public schools, receiving a good business education. In 1859 they moved to Hagaman's Mills where his father died in 1889. November 1, 1865, he married Harriet D. Rowe, daughter of Henry and Martha G. (Ostrom) Rowe. In 1881 they moved to Rockton where he joined in partnership with C. D. Austin and built the knitting mill, the firm now being Austin, Stairs & Blauvelt, the latter joining them the next year. Mr. Stairs is the father of one child, William Henry, born September 29, 1870. The firm is one of the most successful in the town of Amsterdam. Mr. Stairs has charge of the carding and his brother of the spinning.

Shuler, Cholett, Amsterdam, one of the oldest residents of the county of Montgomery, was born in Florida, May 20, 1807, on the land known as the Shuler estate, which contained originally 640 acres, a part of 2,000 acres conveyed by Edward and Philip Harrison, and known as the Harrison patent. The survey was made in 1737 by Christopher Yates. The 640 acres were purchased from them by one Deboise. Deboise dying, his widow became the wife of Lawrence Shuler, grandfather of Cholett. By him the land was parcelled off to his several sons: John, father of our subject, Solomon, Lawrence, Jacob, and a small portion to one daughter. The old homestead is still in the possession of the family and owned by Henry V. Shuler. The name of Shuler is one of the oldest in Montgomery county. Their ancestor, Lawrence Shuler, was a native of Luxembourg, Germany, born in 1736, and died in 1813 at the age of seventy-seven. He came to this country when a young man and located as aforesaid. Said estate came into possession of his son John, father of Cholett, probably about 1789. John Shuler was born November 12, 1769, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine. He was a man well informed in all the affairs of his day, and well known in public life. He was elected member of assembly September 26, 1814, and re-elected January 31, 1815. He was a friend of Alexander Hamilton, and acquainted with Aaron Burr. He was present at the opening of the Erie canal. His wife's maiden name was Hannah Buck, daughter of Daniel Buck, a clergyman of Canaan, Mass. They were the parents of ten children, of whom only three are living: Adaline M. Wilcox, widow of the late Oliver L. Wilcox of Gasport; Caroline, wife of George A. Woolverton, banker of Al-

bany; and Cholett. The latter was born May 20, 1807, making him in his eighty-sixth year. He remained on the old Shuler homestead until about twenty-one years of age, when he joined his brother Jacob in Schoharie county, in running a farm for a few years. In 1831 he married Ann Mallery of Florida, daughter of David and Ruth (Tucker) Mallery. They then came to Amsterdam and he purchased the farm near there known as the Mallery farm, and later, property at Ames. Between these interests his life was spent up to about twenty-five years ago, when he retired to Amsterdam, leaving his interests in the hands of his sons and resided there until the death of his wife in 1887, since which time he has been with his son Darwin, on the old Mallery homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Shuler were the parents of four children, of whom two are living: David M., born August 5, 1834, and Darwin A., born May 6, 1836. David M. married Esther E. Lattimer of Canajoharie in 1855, and they reside at Ames. Darwin A. married Ann Eliza, daughter of Joshua and Phoebe (Bostwick) Wilde, in 1865. They have two children, Ida and William.

Sowle, Isaac C., Amsterdam, was born in Perth July 25, 1842, and is a son of Jacob and Thirza (Collins) Soule. His early life was spent in Fulton county but in 1858 his parents came to Amsterdam where Isaac attended the public schools. After leaving school in 1859 he helped his father on the farm, while his five sisters, Abbie C., Hannah A., Mary E., Hester L., and Margaret attended to the household duties. February 26, 1868, he married Isabella McQueen of Perth, who was born February 22, 1843. They are the parents of three living children: Agnes L., born May 14, 1869; Cora B., born October 27, 1870; and Margaret E., born November 12, 1874. Isaac, our subject, is living on the farm he succeeded to at the death of his father, which occurred May 3, 1869. He is what is called a successful farmer, living in a beautiful home surrounded by good out-buildings, and considering the many reverses he has had, very prosperous. He has never enjoyed very good health and the burning of his barns in 1885 was quite a severe loss to him.

Suits, Nicholas J., Amsterdam, was born on the 6th of June, 1850, in Palatine, and was educated in the district schools. For many years he was a cheesemaker by occupation, but in the year 1881 he came to Amsterdam and for six years conducted the "Suits Hotel" in the fifth ward. He is now in the fresh meat business in company with Harvey Pettingill under the firm of Suits & Pettingill. On the 24th of September, 1884, he married Hepsibah, second daughter of Richard W. Sutton of this city. They have six children, three sons and three daughters: Richard J., Albert, Harry, Lettie, Jesse and Mabel C. They all died at various ages under two years except the youngest, Mabel C. Mr. Suits's father, John, was born at the old home in Palatine in the year 1815. He married Maria Bell of the town of Glenville, and had five children by his first wife, as follows: Susan, William H., Delos M., Margaret A. and Nicholas J. For his second wife he married Laney Sinous. They had six children. Mr. Suits's grandfather, Nicholas Suits, was a soldier in the revolutionary war. Mr. Suits is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Kennyetto Tribe No. 110 of Amsterdam.

Sutton, Richard W., Amsterdam, was born in the county of Norfolk, England, on the 3d of January, 1842, and married Clara A. Sawyer of the county of Suffolk, Eng-

land. They had three children: Kate R., Hephzibah A., now living, and Edward W. G., who died in infancy. On the 21st of December, 1866, Mr. Sutton came to the United States with his wife and three children and landed in New York and located at Amsterdam. In 1875 he went to California, returning in 1876. November 10, 1877, he became superintendent of Green Hill cemetery. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. No. 209, and of the Amsterdam lodge of I. O. O. F. No. 134, and also of Kennyetto Tribe, I. O. R. M. No. 110. Mrs. Sutton died on the 28th of November, 1891.

Stover, George B., Amsterdam, was born in Cobleskill on the 4th of October, 1848, and was educated in the common schools and Canandaigua Academy. In early life he was a clerk, afterwards a merchant, and in the year 1886 he became a manufacturer. He is now manager and part owner of the Metropolitan knitting mills under the firm of W. R. McCowatt & Co. On the 23d of October, 1872, he married Josephine, oldest daughter of Jacob and Mary Van Brocklin of this place. They have four sons: Edward J., Charles F., George B., jr., and Raymond Cady. Mr. Stover's father, Martin J., was born in Pittston, Rensselaer county, in the year 1807, and was educated in the public schools and in Hartwick Seminary for the ministry. He was an able preacher, and married Lydia Hartman of Dansville, Livingston county. They had six children; three only survive: Martin L., George B. and Charles.

Shuler, Isaac Clizbee, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam in 1823; he received a common school and academic education; he was an inventor and manufacturer, the metallic casket and the terra cotta receiving vault were his inventions. October 11, 1881, he married Elizabeth Naomie, second daughter of John E. C. and Mary (Bombar) Booth, formerly of England, but then of Johnstown. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Clizbee. Mr. Shuler died October 14, 1890. Mrs. Shuler and daughter survive. The ancestry of the family on the paternal side is German and the maternal side English.

Spore, Peter P., Amsterdam, was born in Florida, December 25, 1824, and was educated in the public schools; in early life he worked on the farm and came from Crane's Village to Amsterdam in 1850; he began to learn the carpenter's trade in 1844 and afterwards the mill-wright's trade, which he followed in Kellogg & Miller's linseed oil factory for thirteen years. December 9, 1852, he married Pamelia, second daughter of Thomas and Catherine McMaster of Florida; they have had four children, one son and three daughters: Myron W., who married Ellen Donlan; they had two children, Harry P. and Frank W.; Myron W. died May 25, 1885, aged thirty-two years; Anna H., who married Franklin Winslow; they had two children, Edith A. and Madison; Mrs. Winslow died April 15, 1888, and the little boy died August 15, 1885, and the little girl June 19, 1888; Mary J. and Laura died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Spore are members of the Second Presbyterian church.

Sweet, Waterman J., Amsterdam, was born at the old home in Florida, two miles and a half northwest of Minaville, on the 27th of December, 1840, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He has always been a farmer and has now retired and lives in the Fifth ward. He has been assessor of his town six years. On the 19th of December, 1865, he married Emily, oldest daughter of Peter and Mar-

tha M. Williams of his native town. They have two children, a son and a daughter: Leonard, who married Catherine B., second daughter of Spencer and Augusta Park Van Deever of his native town; and Jennie M. who resides with her parents. Mr. Sweet's father, Leonard, was born on the 18th day of September, 1796, in Florida, and was a farmer by occupation. He married twice; first to Sally M. Pierce by whom he had six children: Fanny M., Eliza, Charlotte A., Sarah J., William A., and Adeline. For his second wife he married Susan Becker. They had four children: Margaret, Susan C., Helen, and Waterman J.

Snell, James R., Amsterdam, was born on the 5th of December, 1841, in Palatine, and was educated in the public schools and old Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a railway man in California. Upon his return McDonald, O'Brien & Snell built the Interior knitting mills. He was the lessee of the horse railway of the city of Amsterdam for thirteen years. For two years since it became an electric street railway, he has been the superintendent and is now the general manager. He has been president of the board of water commissioners for nine years and was elected member of the state legislature in 1882 and 1883, and was the first treasurer of the city of Amsterdam. On the 28th of May, 1870, he married Lucy S., only daughter of George W. and Mary Striker of this place. They had six children, three sons died in infancy, three daughters survive: Ella A., Julia I., and Florence M. His father, Dr. Jacob Snell, was born in the town of Palatine and was educated in the practice of medicine. In 1841 he came to Port Jackson and was a successful practitioner in the city until his death. He married Mary Rickard of his native town, by whom he had five children, two sons and three daughters: Arie B., Mary E., Ella A., who died young, Ella A. No. 2, and James R. The ancestry of the family is German.

Snyder, William E., Amsterdam, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., on the 15th of January, 1842, and was educated in the Manchester Academy, and graduated in dentistry in 1863 from Middletown, Conn. He was married twice, first in 1865 to Martha A. Emely of Glastonbury, by whom he had three children, all dead. Mrs. Snyder died in 1872. For his second wife he married in 1875 Alberta Parkhill, who was born in Amsterdam. They reside here in summer and winters in Florida. His father (David) was born near Amsterdam in the year 1813, and was a woolen manufacturer and moved to Glastonbury, Conn., where he married Sophronia Hurlbut in 1840. They had three children, only William E. survived.

Schuyler, John D., Amsterdam, was born on the 22d of August, 1842, in Florida, and was educated in the common schools and Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a farmer, and came to Amsterdam in the year 1877, and was elected alderman in the years 1886-1887. In the fall of 1888 he was elected sheriff of the county and served with signal ability. On the 14th of September, 1872, he married Annie M., fourth daughter of James and Mallisa J. (Pulling) Stewart. Mr. Schuyler's father was born in Florida in 1794, and married Jemima Dorn of his native town. They had twelve children; six sons and six daughters: Howard, who died in infancy; James, Eleanor, Margaret, Catherine, Jacob, Eveline, Harriet N., John D., Mary A., Andrew J., and Frank H. Jeremiah Schuyler, John's father, died on the 10th of January, 1886, and

his mother died on the 5th of January, 1882. General Schuyler was from this family, and all sprang from one source, from the two that came from Holland. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and German.

Sitamons, Menzo, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in Sharon, May 4, 1829, and is a son of Best and Gertrude (Sommers) Sitamons. Best Simmons (father of our subject) was a son of Martin Simmons, who came from Hamburg in 1798 when he was but fifteen years old, and settled in Schoharie county. He was the father of eight children: John, Sophrenus, Peter, Best, Alexander, Anthony, Maria, and Betsey. Best (father of our subject) was born in March, 1802. He was the father of six children, of whom four are living: Peter, who served in the Twenty-first Regiment N. Y. Volunteers; Alexander, who served in the same regiment; Nancy, now married and living in Lockport; and Menzo. Menzo was educated in the village school, and at the age of eleven he left home to work his own way in the world, as he has always done. January 8, 1855, he married Elizabeth Banker of Otsego county, but now of Gloversville. They are the parents of six children: Charles H., Gertrude Hagaman, Frank, Carrie Kennedy, Clark and Clyde.

Swart, Daniel, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam, February 6, 1822, and is a son of Albert and Elizabeth (Swart) Swart. Albert, the father, was born in Amsterdam in August, 1792, a son of William Swart, born May 22, 1767, who was also born in Montgomery county. Daniel, our subject, was educated like most of the older ones, in the district schools of this town. His father was a farmer, and he helped on the farm until he was twenty-three, when he married Sarah A. Shipley, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Steele) Shipley of Florida. Her father was formerly of England and her mother from Vermont. He assisted others on their farms for about ten years, when he bought a place in Herkimer where he went into the broom corn culture. In 1858 he sold this place and returned to Amsterdam, where he went into the butchering business and bought a farm of twenty acres on Manny's Road. It was a very successful business, for in five years he made money enough to pay the difference in an exchange for the home of seventy acres where they now live. They are the parents of only one child, Mary J., now Mrs. Luther Bovee, of Amsterdam town, who was born April 27, 1847. Her daughter, Ida May Carel, makes her home with Mr. Swart.

Stewart, John D., Amsterdam, was born May 5, 1859, on the farm where he now resides. He was a son of Duncan and Elizabeth Stewart, and brother of Archie Stewart, who lives with him on the farm. Their grandfather came to this country in 1770 and settled in Perth, where Duncan (the father of John D.) was born, but lived there only a year when his father bought the farm of 218 acres where his descendants have ever since lived. The family is one of the oldest in the county and its members have repeatedly held offices of trust, showing their influence and popularity. John D. was married to Marilla Cole of Hagaman's Mills, December 23, 1891. Duncan, their father, died September 5, 1883, aged ninety-two years. Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart still lives at the age of sixty-seven. The Stewart family have always been very successful farmers. When they first settled here it was almost a wilderness, but by hard work and

close attention, they have made it what it now is, a very large level, and almost clear of wood. dairy farm.

Christman, Raymond, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Palatine on the 5th of December, 1858, and moved to Amsterdam with his parents when he was ten years old. He was educated in the public schools and in Amsterdam Academy. At the age of thirteen he began the art of printing, and in the year 1883 he became city editor of *The Daily Recorder*, and a correspondent to several other daily papers, which continued until August 4, 1884. He then formed a partnership with Thomas Liddle in the coal business which existed until January, 1887, when they dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Christman purchasing his interest. This was the first coal-yard started in Amsterdam, and was begun by John McClumpha at a time when one boat load of coal more than supplied the whole town. Mr. Christman's yard at Railway place is now second to none in the valley with its tonnage, equipment and patronage. He has just returned from a European trip which pleased him very much, but he now enjoys his home better than ever. On the 12th of August, 1880, he married Hattie T., only daughter and child of Moses T. and Matilda Heagle Kehoe of Amsterdam. Mr. Christman's father (Uriah) was born in Palatine, and married Nancy Wick of his native town. They had nine children, three sons and six daughters, six survive: Mary, wife of Henry Dillenbeck of Palatine; Catherine, wife of J. E. Dygert of Fort Plain; Martha, wife of Byron A. Klock of Little Falls; Ella, wife of Simon P. Bandee of this city; Raymond and John T. of Amsterdam. Mr. Christman studied law for a time with Judge Z. S. Westbrook. He is a descendant of John Trumbull, former governor of Connecticut.

Shuler, Freeman, Florida, one of three children of Daniel and Catherine (Van Der-veer) Shuler, was born in Florida on the 12th of September, 1835. His father, Daniel, was born in Florida in 1803, as was also his grandfather, John Shuler. His great-grandfather, Lawrence Shuler, came from Germany and settled in the town early in its history, selling himself for his passage, as was the custom of many in those days. Freeman Shuler was married in the year 1862 to Mary A. Young of the same town. They have two sons, William H. and Daniel, both living at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Carrie A. Jacoby of Amsterdam, and Mrs. Anna E. McClumpha of Florida.

Swart, Cornelius, Florida, was born in Florida June 30, 1814. His father, Jellis, was also a native of the town, his mother, Hester (Mahee) Swart, being a native of Rotterdam. His grandfather, Tunis Swart, died in Florida, but his birthplace is not known. Cornelius Swart married, in 1835, Jane Peek of Florida, by whom he had five children. She died in 1846, and he married, in 1848, Jane E., daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Pierce) Casey of Florida, by whom he has three children: George Swart of Hot Springs, Ark.; Hetty, Mrs. James G. Campbell of Charlton; and Alice, living at home. Robert Casey was born in England. His parents came to this country when he was seven years of age. He was a soldier in the revolutionary army for seven years and five months. Mrs. Swart was born in Florida on November 6, 1812, and was one of twelve children.

Schuyler, Albert, Florida, only son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Nare) Schuyler, was born in Mohawk November 6, 1850. Hiram (his father) was born in the same town,

March 7, 1830, and is one of nine children. January 1, 1849 he married Elizabeth Nare, daughter of Zachariah and Catharine (Neeker) Nare of Mohawk. Richard Schuyler, the grandfather, was born in Florida and moved to Mohawk in early life, his wife being Catharine McMaster of Fonda. In October, 1861, Albert Schuyler married Mary E., daughter of John and Lucretia (Staley) Kelley of Florida. They have four children: Fannie E., Elizabeth, Mary, and John. Mr. Schuyler has lived upon the farm which he now occupies since he was six months old. He is at the present time filling the office of town clerk.

Schuyler, Thomas E., Florida, one of three children of William R. and Margaret (Lockwood) Schuyler, was born in Florida, October 26, 1857. His sister, Mrs. Eleanor Brown, resides in Minaville; the other sister, Mrs. Eva Jeanette Schuyler, resides in Amsterdam. Thomas E. was married, May 31, 1882, to Emma Kelly, one of five children of John and Lucretia (Staley) Kelly. Her sister, Mrs. Albert Schuyler, lives in Florida, her two brothers and one sister being dead. They have three boys: Willie, Howard and Albert. Mr. Schuyler has lived for ten years upon the farm which he now owns, and which is noted for its very fine apple orchard. His ancestor, Thomas Schuyler, came to this town from New Jersey.

Schuyler, Andrew J., Florida, is one of eleven children of Jeremiah and Jemima (Dorn) Schuyler, and was born on the old Schuyler homestead, July 24, 1846. Jeremiah, the father, was born in Florida November 20, 1794, and died at the age of ninety-two. Jemima Dorn (the mother) was born May 19, 1808, on the farm now occupied by our subject. The latter has three brothers living: Jacob, John and Frank, all residents of Amsterdam, one brother being deceased. He has had six sisters: Eleanor, Catharine (Mrs. Hiram Hubbs of Amsterdam), both deceased; Evaline, Harriet (Mrs. James Blood of Amsterdam), Augusta (Mrs. C. J. Hamlin), and Margaret (Mrs. Vander Volgan). Andrew J. Schuyler married, on September 23, 1874, Sarah E., one of ten children of Winslow and Elizabeth (Buchanan) Sterling of Mohawk. The others were as follows: Henrietta (Mrs. A. J. Kline), Emma (Mrs. George Holton), Libbie (Mrs. John Ecker), Stella (Mrs. Simon Putnam), Nettie, John and Winslow, all living; also Mary and James, deceased. Andrew J. and Sarah E. Schuyler have ten children: Jerry Hamlin, Hiram Hubbs, Winslow H., Clarence E., Walter J., Luella, Frank H., Arthur W., Andrew J., jr., and Roy Augustus. Jerry H., the oldest, is living in Vermont, the others are at home upon the farm. Mr. Schuyler has always lived here, and is road commissioner of the town.

Scott, Barney, Minden, was born in Fort Plain, March 17, 1829. His father died when he was nine months old; his step-father was engaged in farming, also running a saw and grist-mill, and the step-son in early life became connected with these industries. He went to Omaha, Neb., in 1857, and afterwards to Council Bluffs, in which latter place he was mayor, sheriff and also postmaster. His experience in Council Bluffs as sheriff was most exciting, having been shot three times by Indians while in pursuit of them. Returning east in 1859, he went to California and engaged in mining, but came back in three years. He had accumulated a fortune, but the steamer on which he sailed was blown up in mid-ocean, and he lost all. He came ashore at Point Con-

ception and finally reached home, his health much impaired. After a rest of two years he purchased the bus line in Fort Plain, which he ran for five years. Since this time he has engaged in the coal and agricultural implements business and in the manufacture of paper boxes. In 1891 he became a resident of Palatine. He is a Republican in politics. He married Nancy Catharine Yerdon and they have two children, Charles and Lizzie. Charles Scott was born in Fort Plain, October 18, 1861. He graduated from the Clinton Liberal Institute in 1882. He then became a clerk for his father in the coal and agricultural implements business, and in 1885 was admitted as a partner, the firm being B. Scott & Son, which continued until 1888. The year following they engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes, which they disposed of to Little Falls parties. Charles Scott then obtained a contract from the village of Fort Plain for electric lights, and established a plant of the Thompson-Houston system, which after sixty days he disposed of to parties interested in the Fort Plain Gas Light Company. In all the village enterprises Mr. Scott has taken a prominent part, and success has always crowned his efforts. He then went to Newark, N. J., and for three years and a half was engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes. Returning to Fort Plain he again became interested in the coal and agricultural implements business, in which he is now engaged. He is a Republican, and married Clara C., daughter of A. J. Wagner of Fort Plain, and they have one child, Marion.

Smith, John, Hallsville.—The emigrant ancestor and grandfather of this gentleman was Johannes Smith, a Hollander who came to this country as an officer in General Burgoyne's army. After Burgoyne's surrender he came to Stark, which was then in Montgomery county, now Herkimer, where he married a Miss Bassinger. They had a son Frederick, who was born November 26, 1779, and married in 1801 Mrs. Sarah Thayer, born Johnson. They had nine children: Mary, who died aged three years; Margaret, who married Julius Mills and died in Illinois; John; Frederick, who died young; Elizabeth, married Patrick McCraith and died in Fort Plain; Richard, who died in Mexico; Peter, who resides in Stark; Moses, died at Fort Plain; and Julia, died young. Frederick, the father, died June 29, 1865. John, of the above family, was born in Stark, March 6, 1806, and married November 30, 1826, Ann Eliza, daughter of Robert Hall. She was born in Minden, August 5, 1808, and died in that town, April 13, 1885. Their children were: Robert, Maria and Sophia, twins, who died young; Frederick, born July 29, 1830, died young; Sarah, born November 13, 1831, married September 22, 1852, David B. Elwood, and died October 1, 1855; Nancy, born December 23, 1833, died aged five years; Martha, born February 4, 1836, died aged three years; and Moses. At the age of ten years John Smith was hired out by his parents until he became of age. Arrived at his majority, he turned his attention to mercantile business and opened a store at Starkville, which he carried on eight years. He also kept a hotel in that village for five years, and in the spring of 1834 removed to Minden and turned his attention to farming. He also conducted a saw and grist-mill, and at one time a distillery. In politics a Democrat, he has been justice of the peace in Herkimer county, and has held several other town offices. Robert, the oldest of the above family, was born in Starkville, September 24, 1827, and married Martha Zoller. They had six children: Charles, born May 4, 1857, died at Cazenovia Seminary Feb-

ruary 7, 1874; Fred J., born May 27, 1856, resides at Lockport; John I., born March 4, 1863, died November 1, 1874; Willard R., born June 22, 1872, died at Rutgers College, N. J., June 2, 1891; Robert Z., born February 22, 1875; and Claude A., born February 16, 1882. Moses, youngest son of John Smith, was born in Minden, October 7, 1839, and married Helen, daughter of D. D. Elwood of Stark. They have two children: Sarah G., born August 7, 1864; and Nellie T., born April 19, 1868, wife of Harvey C. Diefendorf of Fort Plain.

Shults, Dewitt Clinton, Minden, was born in Palatine, January 11, 1836, and is the oldest son in a family of five children of Alexander and Lucinda (Wagner) Shults. After attending the district schools he went to Alfred Academy at Alfred Center for two years, and Lima Seminary at Lima for one year. Returning home, his intention was to become a student in the Fort Plain Seminary, but he changed his mind and commenced to read law with Judge Jacob Wendell. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1862, and in September of that year was appointed U. S. assistant assessor for internal revenue, the district at that time comprising Minden and St. Johnsville; afterwards Palatine and Canajoharie were added, and subsequently the entire county. Mr. Shults retained this position until 1873, when he commenced the practice of law at Fort Plain. Soon after this he formed a partnership with Peter G. Webster and H. V. Borst, the firm being Webster, Shults & Borst. This partnership was dissolved in three years and the business was continued by Shults & Borst until January 1, 1888, when the latter retired owing to his election as county judge and surrogate. Mr. Shults's practice is principally confined to the surrogate's court. A Republican in politics, he has been for twelve years justice of the peace; president of the village one year, and trustee six or eight years. He married Aurelia L., daughter of Stickney J. Dygert of Minden, and has one child living, William D., assistant secretary and manager of the Union League club of San Francisco, Cal.

Shinaman, Henry Ernest, Minden, was born in Marsville, town of Canajoharie, August 17, 1852, and is the oldest son in a family of seven children of Henry and Caroline (Martin) Shinaman. His father was a blacksmith by trade, running a small farm along with his blacksmith shop, and Mr. Shinaman's education was limited to the common schools of his native town. In 1872 he came to Fort Plain and was for a year and a half employed in the grocery store of James Hess. Returning to Canajoharie, he was for three months in Jacob Hammersmith's grocery store, but owing to ill health, he was for a time obliged to abandon indoor work. After a short rest, however, he returned to Canajoharie and entered the employ of Soules & Robinson, grocers, for six months, then going to Rome where he was employed for three months by John H. Smith in a bakery and confectionery store. Thence he went to Ilion to study telegraphy; remaining there four months, he returned to Fort Plain and there entered the Western Union telegraph office (at that time managed by George C. Wood) where he remained six months. He was next employed at Ilion for three months by the N. Y. C. & H. R. R.R. Co. as baggage master and assistant clerk. From Ilion he went to Spraker's Basin where he was employed by John Wetterau in a grocery store until the death of his father in 1874, when he returned to his native town to assist in the support of the fam-

ily, and engaged in farming from that time until 1887. In the latter year he came to Fort Plain and bought an interest in his present drug store, having as a partner H. G. Martin. This continued until 1889 when Mr. Martin's death occurred, and Mr. Shinaman purchased the entire stock, and has since conducted the business alone. Progressive yet painstaking in his business methods, Mr. Shinaman is rapidly winning an enviable position among the leading business men of this locality. In politics he is a staunch Republhean, but has never aspired to public office. He married Mary L., daughter of Christopher and Lydia Ottman of Root in 1885, and they have one child, Caroline Ada.

Snyder, Peter W., Minden, was born in Minden February 15, 1810. His grandfather, Peter Snyder, came from the eastern part of New York, near Greenbush, and settled near Frey's Bush on the farm formerly owned by the late Peter Fake. Of his children, William married Maria Yerdon, and had these children: Polly, who married George Pickard, and died in Minden; Peter W., Christian, who died in Minden; Jacob, resides at Grattan, Mich.; Lucy, married Jacob Nestle, and died in Minden; Kate, wife of George Carr of Paw Paw, Mich.; Lany, wife of Solomon Alter of Hessville; Julia, wife of Jonathan Ellison of Ionia, Mich.; and Jonas, a resident of Michigan. William Snyder died at Frey's Bush April 14 1865, aged eighty-four years. Peter W., the oldest son of the above family, learned the trade of carpenter, and was engaged in that business for over thirty years. He located on his present farm in 1854. He married Maria, daughter of Isaac and Laura (Robinson) Miller. They have had seven children: Laura A., widow of David H. Minckler, who resides at Rochester; John W., who died at Herkimer; Nathan H.; Luthera Elizabeth, who married David Becker and died at Jeffersonville, Ind.; David W., superintendent of Newport and Poland railroad, was killed in an accident at Herkimer; Albert Parker and Alfred Parkus (twins), the former being a farmer in Charleston and the latter also a farmer in Middlefield.

Shelp, M. Mount, Glen, was born in Glen May 24, 1846, he being one of eight children of James Nelson and Elizabeth Ann (Mount) Shelp of Glen, the others being Amelia (Mrs. Wm. Hoff); James H., dead; Mary (Mrs. David Vedder); Lydia (Mrs. Jacob Dievendorf); Anna C. (Mrs. Patton); Benjamin V. V. and Lemuel W. Shelp. The father (James Nelson) was born on the 4th of December, 1811, he being one of twelve children of Henry, born July 30, 1789, and Lydia (Parks) Shelp, who was born on the 9th of September, 1794, they being both natives of Glen. The great-grandfather (Henry Shelp) and father of the last one mentioned, was born in Holland, emigrating to this country in early life and settling in what is now the town of Glen, very early in its history. M. Mount Shelp was married February 1, 1871, to Heppie A. Baird, one of three children of William and Malina (Abel) Baird of Glen, the others being William Hoagland Baird and Mary Ellen (Mrs. John H. Serviss). They have one son, Willis Baird Shelp.

Schuyler, George S., Glen, who was born in Glen February 22, 1818, was one of the five children of Jacob and Mary (Serviss) Schuyler of Florida. The others were: Mary A., wife of Stephen Ostrom (deceased), James, Jacob and William. Jacob, the father, was born in New Jersey and came to Florida in early life. His father (also named Jacob) was born (it is thought) in Holland, emigrating to New Jersey when quite young. George S. Schuyler married first, Clarissa Van Schaick of Glen, one

of seven children of Thomas and Anna (Hand) Van Schaick. They had six children: Jacob of Dakota; Henry Newton of Illinois; Frederick, Sarah, wife of Reuben Devendorf; Antoinette, wife of Adolphus Perrine; and Anna, wife of Abram Mabee. Mr. Schuyler married second, Anna Olin of Florida, and one son, Frank, survives from this marriage.

Starin, Levi A., Glen, one of six children of Abram and Catherine (Devendorf) Starin of Glen, was born July 11, 1846, the others being John (dead), Jacob (dead), David H., Elizabeth, and Margaret. Abram Starin, his father, was born on the homestead, now, owned by Levi A., October 10, 1803; his mother being a daughter of Henry I. and Jane (Lyker) Devendorf. His grandfather, John F. Starin, was also born on the homestead which has been in the family since the revolution. He was married June 9, 1870, to Martha, a daughter of Burney and Sarah (Vosburgh) Gardinier of Fultonville, she being one of five children. They have three children: Abram B., Josie C., and Frank Leroy Starin.

Starin, Mrs. Elizabeth E., Glen, widow of Jacob H. Starin, was born in Glen, being one of nine children of Peter and Nancy (Leonardson) Van Evera; he being a native of Mapletown, and she having been born in Yatesville, now Downing. Her grandfather, John R. Van Evera, was also born in Mapletown, his ancestors coming here from Holland. She was married on the 14th of February, 1854, to Jacob H. Starin, one of six children of Abram and Catherine (Devendorf) Starin of Glen; the others being John H., Lizzie, now Mrs. Dow Heagel; David H., Margaret, now Mrs. Chas. Rickard; and Levi A. Starin. She has one daughter, Jennie, now Mrs. Oscar F. Conable of Fultonville. Jacob H. Starin, her husband, died here in 1883. Mrs. Starin has in her possession a very interesting heir-loom, an old fashioned clock, in good running order, which was brought from Holland by her great-great-grandmother Bennett, more than 200 years ago, who came to take possession of 1,000 acres of land in the present town of Root.

Sticht, Christopher, Canajoharie, was born in Germany, November 4, 1840, and came to this country in November, 1854. He located at Canajoharie on his arrival, and spent four years with his brother, John M., learning the boot and shoe business. He then went to Ohio where he spent about three years in Ashtabula and Akron. April 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, 19th Ohio three months volunteers from Akron, with which regiment he spent the full term of enlistment, returning shortly after being discharged to Canajoharie. Here he joined his brother in the boot and shoe business, the firm being John M. Sticht & Brother. In 1865 his brother sold his interest to Frank Shubert and the firm of Sticht & Shubert existed until 1880, when Mr. Sticht bought his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He has the leading shoe store of the town, in fact the county, and is very popular among his neighbors and townspeople. His store is located in the Phoenix block on Church street, owned by himself, and his residence is on Walnut street. In June, 1872, he married Cornelie A., daughter of William and Margaret (Engell) Low, and they have had three sons: John L., a cadet of the Annapolis Naval Academy; Arthur C., a student of Cornell University; and Howard De Witt, who died in 1885 in his sixth year. Mr. Sticht is a sup-

porter of the Lutheran Church, of which Mrs. Sticht is a member. Mr Sticht is a Republican.

Smith, Adam, Canajoharie, was born in Glen on the 17th of March, 1826, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Smith. His father was born in this state, but his mother in Connecticut. His father was a merchant for many years at Glen and at Charleston. He was a Whig in politics and took an active interest in the affairs of his party. The grandparents of our subject on his father's side were natives of Scotland, and on his mother's side, of Connecticut. His grandfather Smith was a leather merchant of Stockbridge, Scotland, and came hither in 1780. Adam learned the mercantile trade with his eldest brother, which he continued until 1865. He came to Canajoharie in 1856 and in 1859 he and his brother formed a co-partnership with James Arkell in the manufacture of paper sacks, which has grown to an immense business, employing about 200 workers, with a business extending to all parts of the Union. Mr. Smith married in 1859 Catherine S., daughter of John and Margaret (Lasher) Van Slyke of Canajoharie. They have three children: Elizabeth S., wife of Preston K. Yates, a civil engineer in New York; Lydia K., wife of William H. Bain, coal dealer, Canajoharie; and George H., assistant treasurer of the firm of Arkell & Smith. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics. He and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. His wife died on the 1st of May, 1886.

Shults, James W., Canajoharie, was born at Mapletown November 14, 1864, and is a son of Hiram and Mary (Winne) Shults. Hiram Shults, father of James, was born in Stone Arabia September 4, 1812, and his early life was spent there. He married Jane A. Doxtader, daughter of William Doxtader of Palatine, and they had four children, two of whom are living: Albert, of the old homestead in Root, and Catherine, wife of Fraling Keller of Oak Ridge. Mrs. Jane A. Shults died February 2, 1860. On the 22d of May, 1862, he married Mary Winne, daughter of James and Jemima (Van Sise) Winne of Glen. They had one child, James W. Hiram Shults died March 16, 1874. The early life of James was spent in Mapletown and he was educated in the common schools and at Fort Plain Academy. He assisted on the farm until 1888 when he bought the farm where he now lives. On the 23d of October he married Mary, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wood) Merselis of Canajoharie. They have had one child, Blanch E., born July 15, 1890.

The Spraker Family.—The earliest ancestor of this family, of whom there is any record, is George Spraker, who immigrated to this country from the German Palatinate in the early part of the eighteenth century. He located in Palatine, then Albany county, and at the time of his death was the owner of some of the finest agricultural land in the Mohawk valley. He married Maria House, also of German descent, and they had nine children, four of whom were sons, and they, with their father, were in the war for independence. They were John, George, Conrad and Joseph. The latter was born in Palatine in 1764 and married when a young man, Catharine Frazier, a descendant of one of the Scottish pioneer families of Johnstown. They had eight children: Nancy, Catherine, George, Daniel, David, Livingston, James and Joseph. But one of this family is now living, Daniel, president of the National Mohawk River Bank, of

Fonda. David, the third son, was born February 23, 1801. He was educated at Union College and studied law under Marcus T. Reynolds of Amsterdam, also at Albany with Judge Alfred Conkling, and with Judge Daniel Cady of Johnstown, and was admitted to practice as attorney of the Supreme Court in 1825, and as counsellor in 1828, and was licensed in the circuit and district courts of the United States in 1842. In 1830 he became Supreme Court commissioner and in 1833 was appointed master and examiner in chancery. In 1835 and for some years previous he was a judge of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and resigned his office in the fall of that year to take his seat in state senate and court for the correction of errors, which was then the court of last resort, where he served most honorably for four years and earned his place among the historic figures of the day. In 1845 he married Harriet F., daughter of Stephen N. Rowan, an eloquent Presbyterian divine of New York, and they had six children: David, Fannie, wife of Walter P. Bonney of Erie, Pa.; Randolph, Flora M., Ferdinand W., of Cooperstown; and Hortense, wife of John H. Shaper, M. D.

Sloan, J. Richard, Canajoharie, was born in New York January 2, 1859, a son of John D. and Margaret (Wessling) Sloan. John D. was born in Germany and came to this country in 1848, locating in New York, where he lived for twelve years, and then moved to Canajoharie, where he has since remained. He was a mason by trade and was considered one of the best at that time. He had seven children, of whom four are living: John, of Canajoharie; Anna, Helen, and J. Richard. The latter was educated in the common schools, and when twenty years of age learned the trade of his father. Among the many fine buildings which he has contracted are the residence of W. J. Arkell, that of A. G. Richmond, and that of James Arkell, which is looked upon as the finest in the town; the Betts Block, the Hammersmith Block, and the Union Free School Building, a fine stone structure, requiring 900 yards of stone. In 1885 Mr. Sloan married Ella A. Woodard of Canajoharie, and they have two children: William W., born October 17, 1885; and Margueritta M., born April 29, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are members of the English Lutheran Church. Mr. Sloan has never taken an active interest in politics, his ambition lying in the direction of a business life.

Schultze, Charles E., Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie January 4, 1853, and is a son of Charles G. and Fredericka (Hyer) Schultze. His father was born in Germany and came to this country about 1840. He first located in Spraker's Basin, and while there was employed on the enlargement of the Erie Canal. His next business was to establish a grocery and provision store in Canajoharie, in the year 1842, which he conducted for a number of years, then commenced the gardening of fruit and vegetables, which he followed until his death in March, 1887. He gave his whole time to this business, which he conducted with success, taking but little interest in politics. He had three children, of whom but one (Charles E.) is now living. The early life of the latter was spent in this town, where he was educated in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he left home to try what he could do in the metropolis. He followed butchering in New York for seven years, and then returned to Canajoharie, where he opened a market in company with Lewis Martin, which partnership lasted till the fire of 1877, when the market was destroyed and Mr. Schultze lost his entire property. With great perseverance and energy he again started in business, running a wagon,

and conducting the Cottage Hotel for Mr. Benjamin, which he continued for nearly three years, then again started a market, and has since done a very successful business. In 1874 he married Esther, daughter of Thomas Stokes, a native of England, and they have had two children: Edward F., who died in 1883, aged seven years; and a daughter, Allie D.

Smith, Martin L., Canajoharie, was born in Springfield, Otsego county, in 1835. His boyhood was spent at his birthplace, and he was educated at the common schools of the town, and also the Union Free School, with a course in the Cooperstown Seminary. He came to Canajoharie in 1852, and in 1859 he engaged in partnership with Silas V. Wemple in the malting business, which continued for four years, and then he conducted it alone until the great fire in 1877 (April 30), when he lost the buildings and stock, consisting of about \$40,000 worth of barley and malt. After the loss of his malthouse he engaged in the lumber business, which he still conducts. He married, in 1861, Mary J. Geortner, of this town, and they have had two children. Mr. Smith has several times been trustee of the village, and the last time he was made president. He has been a director of the Canajoharie National Bank for the last twelve years.

Simons, Frank E., Canajoharie, was born in the village of Phoenix, Oswego county, April 28, 1851, and is a son of James F. and Lavana (Church) Simons. His early life was spent in Phoenix, but at the age of twelve his parents moved to Fulton (in the same county), where he attended the graded school. When he was twenty-one he entered the office of Beadle & Senn, Buffalo, as assistant book-keeper, taught school one term near his old home, and then returned to Buffalo, re-engaging with the same company he had previously served, and staying there until July, 1873. In September he entered Cornell University, remaining until 1876, when he entered Albany Medical College, graduating January 29, 1879. February 18 of the same year he came to Canajoharie and began the practice of his profession, which he has since continued. Dr. Simons was elected coroner in the fall of 1879 and re-elected in 1882; six years after the expiration of his term he was again elected president of the village, and has held the office of health officer since 1886. January 1, 1879, he married Minnie, daughter of Dr. O. B. Nelson of Fulton. They have one child, Willis N., born January 19, 1884. Dr. Simons is a member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M.; Hiram Union Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M.; Little Falls Commandery, No. 26; and a member of Zyara Temple of Utica. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Taria Joras Tribe, No. 148.

Smith, Dr. Andrew P., of Ames, was born in Starkville, Herkimer county, on the 18th of January, 1818, and is a son of John and Mary Pinckney Smith. His father was of Dutch ancestry and his mother of old Yankee stock and a descendant of Thomas Pinckney, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They were among the early settlers of the county. Dr. Smith was a self-educated man; at the age of eleven years he went west and studied medicine, attending lectures at Geneva, and began practice at twenty-seven years of age in Starkville. He was a successful practitioner for twenty-five years and accumulated a fortune. About 1878 he came to

Ames, where he has led a retired life, having been an eminent man in his profession. He was married three times; his present wife is Catherine George, a sister of Alonzo of Canajoharie. They have one son. He has been a Whig and a Republican and was for two years town clerk, town school commissioner a year, and postmaster for four years at Starkville. He is a very genial and much respected gentleman and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

Sammons, Samuel G., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in the town of Canajoharie near his present residence December 5, 1815, and is a son of Cornelius T. and Jane (Gardinier) Sammons. The great-grandfather of our subject, Thomas Sammons, married Petter Nella Schoonmaker, and their home was in Fulton county. His son Thomas, the grandfather of our subject, was the father of two children; Cornelius was the oldest and was the first of the Sammons family to come to this town, coming here in 1796. Previous to this he had married Jane Gardinier of Fultonville. They were the parents of six children, but only two are living: Eliza, now Mrs. H. J. Robinson of Canajoharie; and Samuel, our subject. He lost his father when he was only six years old, and his whole life has been spent in this town. He attended the common school and worked on the farm until he was twenty years old, when he bought the old homestead farm, conducted it for six years, and then bought, in 1842, his present residence. It was then a farm of 150 acres, mostly cultivated for hay and grain and hops. February 13, 1840, he married Sarah E. Lane, and they are the parents of five children, four of whom are living: Henry T. of Canajoharie; William L., who owns the homestead farm; Mary E., wife of William Hibbard; and Ella M., wife of De Forest Garlock of Canajoharie. Mrs. Sammons died April 20, 1885, at sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Sammons is one of the first men in this town, an earnest Christian, good neighbor, and upright citizen. William L. Sammons was born on this farm January 30, 1845, has always lived in the town. November 5, 1870, he married Ella Webster of Sharon. She died March 29, 1879. In 1888 he bought the old homestead farm of his father and has since conducted it. February 7, 1882, he married Hattie T. Putnam of Glen, and they have one child, S. Merton, born April 1, 1884. Mr. Sammons is a member of the Presbyterian church at Buel, and it is said of him "He is a good neighbor."

Suits, Peter Langgrave, M. D., Mohawk, Tribes Hill p. o., son of Joseph N. and Lucinda (Van De Warker) Suits, was born in Palatine March 9, 1845. His education was obtained at the common schools and Fairfield Academy, and he taught school for ten years. He took three courses at the Albany Medical College and graduated in the spring of 1879. He located at Tribes Hill the same year, where he has since practiced. For three years he has been the physician at the Montgomery county asylum. He is a Democrat in politics, in which he takes an active part. In 1872 he married Lydia A. Rogers of St. Johnsburg. He is a member of the state and county medical societies. Josiah Suits, oldest brother of Dr. Suits, was born in May, 1833, and has taught school in Montgomery county thirty-six years. Nicholas Suits was a son of Peter Suits and was a farmer. He was in Fort Paris during the revolution. His father was among the first settlers in this valley, the so-called "Palatinates." George Suits, brother of Nicholas, served seven years in the revolutionary war, in which he held the office of corporal. He had no children. Joseph N. Suits, a son of Nicholas, was born in Palatine August

6, 1809, and married Lucinda Van De Warker, who was born June 24, 1818. They had ten children. He was a tailor by trade; also a violinist of note, and Dr. Suits has in his possession a Cremona violin which was made in Italy in 1700. Joseph N. Suits died in 1883, and his wife in 1885.

Sitterly, Jere S., Mohawk, son of Christian and Maria L. (Snell) Sitterly, was born in Palatine January 9, 1863. After attending the common schools he spent two years at the Clinton Liberal Institute at Fort Plain. He graduated from Fort Edward Collegiate Institute in 1882 at the head of his class, and read law with Carroll & Fraser of Johnstown. In May, 1884, he was graduated from the Albany Law School with the degree of LL. B. He then read law with Judge Z. S. Westbrook of Amsterdam, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1885. On the 1st of April, 1886, he came to Fonda and opened a law office, where he has since remained, having won an extensive practice. He is a Democrat and was elected supervisor of the town of Mohawk in 1889, but prefers his profession to political life. He is a member of the Fultonville Lodge No. 531, F. and A. M., the Order of Red Men, K. of P., and the Reform Club of New York.

Schenck, Ralph, Mohawk, who was a native of Monmouth county, N. J., settled in 1784 on the farm now owned by Morris Christman. He had two sons, William and Edward Taylor, and eight daughters: Rebecca, Eleanor, Ann, Alida, Mary, Catharine, Margaret and Sarah. Edward Taylor was born February 1, 1793. He married Elizabeth Wemple, daughter of Mynderl Wemple, and they had seven children. He was a farmer, and died in 1856, and his wife in 1883. Mynard, son of Edward, was born October 19, 1833, and married Eliza, daughter of Ralph Putman, who died September 18, 1892. They had three children: Belle Everett, Edward Taylor and Jennie E. Edward Taylor married Libbie Stoller, and they have two children, John Taylor and Maude E. Jennie E. married Marion Gross, and they reside in New York.

Smith Ralph H., Mohawk, Fonda p. o., a son of Parchel B. and Harriet (Haines) Smith, was born in New York June 7, 1855. His father was a varnish manufacturer at Hunter's Point, L. I. When Ralph was fourteen years old his father removed to Wilton, Saratoga county, and resided there until his death in February, 1876. His wife died in June of the same year. Ralph was in the employ of the N. Y. C. railroad for three years, then returned to his home and was engineer in the steam flouring-mill a short time. He then learned the miller's trade, and in 1887 built a steam grist-mill on his father's old farm, and sold the mill in April, 1892. September 25, 1889, he bought the Berryville flouring-mill, which has four run of stone, and has a capacity for grinding 400 bushels per day. In 1879 he married Flora Hodges of Saratoga county.

Spraker, Daniel, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born August 26, 1798. He was one of six sons of Jost Spraker, all of whom were reared at the old homestead on the Mohawk turnpike at Sprakers, and became active and prominent business men in that vicinity. Daniel Spraker is now the only survivor. The Spraker family has long been prominent in the Mohawk valley in wealth and enterprise, as well as in social and political influence. George Spraker, the earliest ancestor of the family in the valley, was a native of Saxony and settled in Palatine about the year 1775. He was an industrious man

and at the time of his death was the owner of some of the finest farm land in the valley. He had four sons and five daughters, and the sons, with himself, bore arms against the British and Indians in the war for independence. On the death of George Spraker, Jost, his youngest son and the father of Daniel, succeeded to the paternal homestead. He became well known, not only in this state but beyond its limits. Travelers through the valley before the time of the railroads, were entertained at his hotel, popularly known as "Spraker's Tavern," which became famous for liberal hospitality, being a point at which relay horses for stage coaches were always supplied. It was here that Daniel was born and reared. Jost Spraker married Catharine Frazer, a descendant of one of the Scottish pioneer families who first settled in Johnstown, and they reared six sons and two daughters. Daniel began business for himself at the age of twenty-one at Spraker's Basin, engaging in the mercantile, storage and forwarding business, and soon became one of the leading merchants of the valley. Later on for about three years (1854-55 and 56) Mr. Spraker lived a retired life at Canajoharie. In 1853 the Spraker brothers, having realized the importance of the banking business, established the Spraker Bank at Canajoharie, and soon afterwards the Mohawk River Bank at Fonda. On the organization (in 1856) of the latter, which was first a State and is now a National bank, Daniel Spraker removed to Fonda and became its president, and has held that office ever since—a period of thirty-six years. He has also been one of the directors of the Spraker Bank since its organization. In 1826 he married Eliza, daughter of Stephen Dykeman of Canajoharie, a prominent miller and distiller. He lost his wife in 1850, and has since remained a widower. Of their seven children, three died in infancy. One daughter, Mrs. E. E. Gillett, died in 1865, and another, Mrs. Jacob Hees, in 1886, and but two children are now living, Mrs. John W. Wilson of Fonda, and James D. Spraker of New York. Mr. Spraker has been throughout his long and successful life an unwavering Democrat, and though in his ninety-fifth year, is still active and energetic in his public and private duties.

Saltsman, Jeremiah, Palatine, was born in Palatine July 24, 1836. His father was Peter I. Saltsman; his grandfather, John Saltsman, whose father came from Germany and settled on the farm of 100 acres now owned by Jeremiah Saltsman. John Saltsman was born in 1767, reared on a farm and, November 1, 1791, married Elizabeth Getman (born December 26, 1772, in Palatine), who bore him two sons and two daughters. He died July 6, 1822, and she in 1857. Peter I. Saltsman was born in Palatine January 26, 1792, was always a farmer and married Catherine, daughter of William Saltsman, who bore him eight sons and six daughters. He and family were members of the Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia. He died August 17, 1882. Jeremiah Saltsman was brought up on a farm and educated at the common schools. September 28, 1864, he married Catherine (born in Palatine, December 30, 1844), daughter of Hiram and Catherine Shults. Hiram Shults's father had three brothers captured in the revolutionary war, one of whom, Martin, died during his imprisonment. Jeremiah Saltsman and wife had the following children, namely: Cora (deceased), Myron H., Clarence P., and Ethel C. Mr. Saltsman has a farm of 200 acres and runs a large dairy. He is a member of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433 F. & A. M., and of Stone Arabia Grange No.

690. His son Myron is a member of the Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 66 K. of P., at Fort Plain. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia.

Snyder, George, Palatine, was born in Cayuga county in October, 1834. His father was Henry Snyder, and his grandfather bore the same name. The latter was a native of Dutchess county and went at an early day to Cayuga county, where he became a wealthy man. He was the father of three sons and five daughters. Henry Snyder, junior, was born in Cayuga county, raised on a farm and sent to the common school. He married Sylvia Slocum, who bore him two children. He died and his widow married Thomas White, and bore him one son and three daughters. The mother now resides at Rochester, aged about eighty years. George Snyder was raised on a farm and married, May 16, 1865, Martha J. Cranker of Palatine. Their children are as follows: Eugene R., Henry A., Jennie M., George L., Carrie M., Sylvia C., John H., Mabel B., and Clarence L. Mr. Snyder was in the livery business for several years in Cortland county, and in 1859 went to California and engaged in buying and selling stock. He came to Nelliston in 1862, and since has been a drayman, for many years in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Cranker. He was one of the first trustees of the village. He was reared a Universalist. Mrs. Snyder died in December, 1888, aged forty-one.

Smith, J. Harvey, Palatine, was born in Salisbury, Herkimer county, September 1, 1828. His father was Daniel Smith; his grandfather, Gilead Smith, who came at an early date from Saratoga county and settled on the Royal Grant in Herkimer county; his great-grandfather was Benajer Smith, who settled in Saratoga county where he lived and died. Gilead Smith was twice married; first to Eleanor Disbrow, who bore him four children; second, to Thankful Peck, by whom he had two children. He died in Herkimer county in 1837. Daniel Smith was born in Salisbury May 15, 1803, and married Delight, daughter of Simeon Ives, a native of Wallingford, Conn., who came to Herkimer county when a boy; his wife was Apluma Shepherd, who bore him nine children. Simeon Ives was the son of John, who served seven years in the revolutionary war, and died at the age of ninety-three. J. Harvey Smith received an academic education, and in 1851 married Cornelia Ives of Lewis county. She died while visiting her parents in 1853. In 1855 he married Alvina E. Hayner of Rensselaer county, who bore him the following children: Emma J., Charles D., Frank H., and Nellie E. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Fort Plain.

Saltsman, Amelia M., Palatine, was born in Palatine on the farm where she now resides. Her father was Daniel Saltsman, who was born on the same farm, February 12, 1795; her grandfather was John Saltsman, who married Elizabeth Getman. Daniel Saltsman was raised on the farm and educated in the common school. He married Catherine Nellis of Palatine, who was born October 25, 1798. Her father was John Nellis, whose biography appears in this book. Daniel Saltsman and wife had four sons and nine daughters, of whom the following are living and reside in Palatine on the home farm: Amelia M.; Almina, now Mrs. Arthur Rickard; Frederick; John D., and Andrew. The older sisters, Mrs. Oliver Gary and Mrs. Peter I. Nellis, also live in Palatine. Daniel and wife were members of the Stone Arabia Lutheran Church. He died December 5, 1871, and his wife in 1863.

Smith, Charles D., Palatine, was born in Palatine November 16, 1861. He is a son of J. Harvey and Elizabeth (Hayner) Smith. He was raised on a farm and educated at the public schools and Clinton Liberal Institute. He married in 1883 Myra, daughter of Justis and Martha (Bauder) Cole. They have two children, Grace and J. Harvey, jr. Mr. Smith lived with his parents until 1891, when he engaged in the hardware business with A. Stewart and C. A. Bergen. He has also for several years carried on fancy poultry raising. He ships his stock to all parts of the United States, to Canada and France. He is an active Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church at Fort Plain.

Scott, Alonzo M., Charleston, was born in Root March 27, 1842. He was one of thirteen children of Horace and Rebecca (Hoag) Scott of Charleston and Root. Horace Scott, the father, was a son of Ashel M. Scott, who was born in Connecticut and emigrated to Montgomery county in early life. His father was one of three brothers who emigrated from Scotland to Connecticut. Rebecca Hoag, the mother, was one of twelve children of Francis and Robie (Briggs) Hoag. Alonzo M. was married June 30, 1860, to Alida Campbell of Charleston, one of seven children of John and Delara (Griffith) Campbell of Charleston. They have three children: Kitty (Mrs. George Morris); Jennie (Mrs. Cady Eaton); and Emma (single). Mr. Scott has lived in Charleston since thirteen years of age. He served nearly three years in the army; was supervisor of the town from 1885 to 1889; justice of the peace eight years and justice of sessions two terms, and is now serving his sixth year as notary public.

Snell, John B., St. Johnsville, was born in St. Johnsville July 17, 1865, a son of Lewis and Ann L. (Lasher) Snell, natives of St. Johnsville. His father was a prominent and enterprising citizen and business man, greatly respected; he served as supervisor of the town, and was a Democrat in politics. Both parents died in their native town. They reared three sons and one daughter. The great-grandfather of John B. came from Switzerland in 1795 and settled in Montgomery county. He was the first pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church in that section, and was in other ways prominently identified with the early history of the state. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, supplemented by a course at Chamberlain Institute, New York. He spent ten years in business pursuits in Philadelphia, Pa., and October 1, 1891, bought the St. Johnsville *Leader*, and changed it to the St. Johnsville *News*, which he now publishes. He married in 1891 Charlotte K., daughter of Isaac E. Smith of his native place.

Saltsman, Alvin, St. Johnsville, son of Peter L. and Catherine (Saltsman) Saltsman, the youngest of the family, was born in Palatine July 10, 1840. He received a district school education, and at the age of fifteen began to learn the wagonmaking trade in St. Johnsville, when his brother William was operating the shop. In 1862 they formed a partnership as Saltsman Bros., employing ten men in their business. Mr. Saltsman has been an active man in business affairs. He has served as trustee of the town, and is a member of F. & A. M. September 18, 1862, he married Caroline, daughter of George and Lana (Youran) Timmerman, natives of Herkimer county. His grandfather was in the battle of Oriskany, where he was wounded. He was an early pioneer. Alvin

Saltsman and his wife have one child, Mariette, wife of E. C. Bartle. Mrs. Saltsman is a member of the Dutch Reformed church; her grandfather was Adam Timmerman of Herkimer county. Mr. Saltsman is a director of the First National Bank. John, grandfather of Alvin, came from Germany and settled in Palatine before the revolutionary war, where his son, Peter I., was born in 1800. He was in the war of 1812, and died in 1882, aged ninety. He has fourteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity.

Spraker, Daniel, jr., Root, son of George and Elizabeth Spraker, was born in Sprakers and received his education at the district schools and the academy. He has been in the insurance business since 1861. He served as justice of the peace for eight years. For three years he acted as justice of sessions, occupying a seat on the bench with such eminent jurists as Justices Potter, Rosecrans and Bockes. Was clerk of the board of supervisors for four years, and for many years has been a general contributor to the press. He owns and resides in the old family homestead at Sprakers, and is contented with enjoying the life of a private citizen and attending to his chosen business.

Truax, George S., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born in the town of Pitcher, Chenango county, September 16, 1837, and is a son of John and Eliza (Gray) Truax. John Truax was born in Schenectady county and was married in 1829. He was killed in a saw-mill at Hagaman's Mills in 1873, being then sixty-eight years of age. He left four children: Cornelius E., Elizabeth A., Eliza (now Mrs. Geo. H. Dingman), and George S., our subject; his grandfather was General Edwin Gray of the war of 1812. Mrs. Truax (mother of our subject) still lives in her eightieth year. The family was first represented in this country by three brothers who came here from the boundary line between France and Holland; one brother returned soon after, and one was killed by Indians, leaving one only as ancestor of the family. The great-grandmother used to tell a story of hiding from the Indians in a large hollow log. The family went to Chenango county where George was born, returning in five years to this place where he received his education in the public schools. In 1869 he went to work on the railroad; he rapidly rose to conductor, and this he followed twenty-one years. In 1872 he bought the farm where he now lives. He was married to Ida M. Devendorf of Little Falls April 17, 1870. He left the railroad in August, 1890, and has since worked the farm. They have one child, Mabel V., born December 2, 1881. The farm is a very good hay and grain farm, and his home is one of the prettiest along the Mohawk, and Mr. Truax is considered one of the happy prosperous farmers of the town.

Terwilliger, William H., Amsterdam, was born in the city of Amsterdam on the 16th of March, 1864, and was educated in the Amsterdam Academy nine years, and is now a thorough machinist. On the 17th of June, 1885, he married Alice Vossler of Amsterdam. They have one daughter, Susan M. Mr. Terwilliger's father, John, was born at Hagaman's Mills in the town of Amsterdam on the 11th of October, 1839, and was educated in the public schools and worked at the carpenter's trade with his father three years. The balance of his life he has been a machinist, and was with the Greene Knitting Company through its various corporate changes of firm names thirty-two years, and is now associated with his son, William H., in their machine and repair shop and

mill supplies. In September, 1860, he married Harriet A. Phillips of this city. They have one son, William H.

Terwilliger, Orville B., Amsterdam, was born at Hagaman's Mills in the town of Amsterdam, on the 26th of September, 1837, and was educated in the public schools and the old academy on Main street. In his early life he learned the carpenter's trade and for many years has been one of Amsterdam's contractors and builders. On the 2d day of May, 1861, he married Mate Gilbourne of Troy. They have three children, two sons and one daughter. George, who was born on the 19th of February, 1862, and married Florence Ableing of Canajoharie; they have one daughter, Ada; Cora, who married John N. Smith of Trenton, New Jersey, and they have one daughter, Mabel; and Frank, who resides at home. Mr. Terwilliger's father, Solomon, was also born at Hagaman's Mills; he was a carpenter and builder and married Sarah A. Priest of Esperance. They had seven children, five survive: Louisa, Abbie, Edward, John and Orville B. The family is of Dutch, English and German extraction.

Timmerman Family, The.—This name has been written Timberman by some of its descendants. The family came originally from Switzerland, and the first of whom we have any information are the brothers Jacob, Lawrence, Theobold, George and Henry, of whom Theobold is the only one who settled in Minden. He removed from St. Johnsville to this town in 1759 and was injured from the running away of a team of horses, from which injury he died. He married Elizabeth Hawn, and had five children: Adam, Thomas, John, Elizabeth and Polly. Adam married Margrate Maticie and settled on a farm adjoining. John married Anna Diefendorf and settled in Frey's Bush. During the war of 1812 he was captain of artillery, and went to Sackett's Harbor. Elizabeth married William Hackney, and Polly married John Failing. Thomas married Elizabeth Sanders and remained on the homestead. He had ten children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Solomon, who married Maria Ehle and lived and died in Monroe county; Betsey, who died unmarried, in Danube; Polly, who married William Davy and lived and died in Danube; Eve, who married Peter Davy and lived and died in Danube; Katie, widow of Abram Devendorf, lives at Depauville, Jefferson county; Lany, married Allen Story and removed to Monroe county, where she died while young; Benjamin, married Mary C. Churchill and did a large furniture business at Buffalo, removing to Iowa, where he died; John never married, and now resides in California; David T. married Charlotte, daughter of Gen. Isaac Ellwood; Thomas died in Minden, lacking twenty-two days of being ninety. David T. remained on the old homestead, and at the present writing is within a few months of eighty-nine. They have had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Menzo, unmarried, resides in Minden; Eliza, died aged twenty-five; Mary, who died at Albion, aged twenty-eight; Marvin S., who married Ione Bowen and removed to Sycamore, Ill., where they had four children, two of whom died in infancy; Charlotte L., who resides in Chicago; and Willard E., also a resident of Chicago. Ione died at Sycamore, and Marvin S. at Minneapolis; David Henry, who died young; Augusta, who married W. A. Moyer and lives at Baldwinsville; they have two children, Glen and Mabel; Emma, who resides at Min-

neapolis: Manley E., who married Emma Wilkes and has three children, two of whom, Ray and Claire, are living; Williard E., who resides in Minden, unmarried; and Della, who died aged fifteen years. David T. Timmerman has in his possession a deed bearing date of 1759, to Theobald Timmerman, his grandfather, and the land deeded has been in direct possession of the family ever since.

Teeple, Calvin P., Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born in Carlisle, Schoharie county, September 17, 1857, and is a son of Edward and Catharine Teeple. In 1881 he went to Crown Point to learn photography with E. M. Johnson, and in 1886 he located in Fonda, where he has been successfully engaged in his business ever since. In 1886, the year of his location in Fonda, he married Blanche Peckham of Ballston Spa, and they have one child, Rubie B.

Thompson, Wilbur S., Palatine, was born in Palatine Bridge December 8, 1846, and is a son of Joseph and Nancy (Porter) Thompson. His ancestry as far as can be traced were natives of this country. Joseph Thompson was born in Boston, and on reaching manhood learned the trade of stone cutter, and in 1842, when the Erie canal was built, he came to this county to work on aqueducts and bridges. He died in 1889 in California, leaving two children: Maria, wife of Henry S. Murray, superintendent of the Pettit Manufacturing Company of Canajoharie, and Wilbur S., the subject. His early life was spent in Palatine; he was educated in the academic department of the Palatine school and when about seventeen years of age he went into the store of James D. Taylor of Palatine, where he remained but two years, when he entered the employ of the American Express Company as agent, and has faithfully worked for them for twenty-seven years. In 1867 he married Pauline Keller, daughter of John Keller of Canajoharie; they have had three children: Harriet, Edith, and Henry M. Mr. Thompson has held the position of trustee of this village for six years. He was one of the founders of the order of Red Men of this village, and he now holds the office of senior sagamore.

Towman, Frank B., St. Johnsville, attorney, was born in Mayfield, January 7, 1860, and is a son of Bennett W. and Hannah M. (Rhodes) Towman. After the death of his parents he lived with his grandparents, William H. and Rosie (Blake) Rhodes, and at the death of his grandfather in 1867, went to live with an uncle in Saratoga county until thirteen years of age. In the fall of 1875 he moved to Johnstown, where he remained till 1877, attending school and teaching. He then attended a preparatory school at Johnstown until 1881, when he began the study of law at Northville with Lee S. Anable, and was admitted to the bar in 1885 at Albany. He then went to Johnstown, and in August, 1890, came to St. Johnsville, where he has since resided. September 10, 1885, he married Carrie Q., daughter of Abram and Eliza J. (Quinlan) Van Arnam. Mr. Towman is a member of F. & A. M.; I. O. O. F.; and K. of P. On his mother's side he is a tenth generation descendant of Roger Williams. He and his wife are members of the church—he of the Presbyterian, and she of the Methodist Episcopal. The grandfather, Wendell Towman, came from Baden Baden, Germany, in 1832. His wife was Fannie Zaley, by whom he had four children: Pauline, John, Bennett W. and one other. Bennett W., father of Frank B., came to Fulton county,

and later settled in Mayfield, where he followed lumbering. He died February 26, 1864, and his wife November 29, 1862. They had four children, two of whom survived: Sarah J., who married and died childless in 1880; and Frank B. Mrs. Frank B. Townman died June 28, 1892, at St. Johnsburg, leaving her husband and one daughter, who was born June 19, 1892, and named after her mother after her death.

Voorhees, J. Enders, Amsterdam, was born at Fort Hunter on the 17th of September, 1836, and was the son of John Leslie Voorhees of that place, who died at the old home at Fort Hunter. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, but when a young man he took up his abode in Amsterdam. In 1867 he entered the Farmers' National bank as book-keeper, a position he held until 1881. Upon the organization of the Greene Knitting Company he became a member and was elected president and acted in that capacity until his death. He was president of the Farmers' National bank of this city, of the Edison Electric Light and Power company and many other institutions of this city. He was a wise and prudent counselor, his advice was of much value, which had much to do with the prosperity of the bank. Mr. Voorhees took a deep interest in Masonry and was a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. and A. M., Amsterdam Chapter No. 81, R. A. M., Dewitt Clinton Council No. 22, Temple Commandery No. 2 of Albany, N. Y., Albany Sovereign Consistory, also of Cyprus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Albany, and member of the Holland Society, New York. On the 13th of November, 1866, he was united in marriage to Cornelia A. Becker of Port Jackson (now Amsterdam), who survives him with one daughter, Mrs. William G. Wadron. He also leaves a brother, James Voorhees, of the Greene Knitting company, and three sisters: Sarah J. and Elizabeth of Amsterdam, and Kate L. of Fort Hunter. Mr. Voorhees was "known and read of all men," as a square, upright, business Christian gentleman.

Van Vechten, John H., Florida, one of four children of David and Sarah C. (Hubbs) Van Vechten, was born May 29, 1825, on the old homestead purchased by his great-grandfather July 25, 1771, for fifty pounds, he having lived there since 1766. The original deed, in a good state of preservation, is in the possession of Mr. Van Vechten. His great-grandfather, Hubartus Van Vechten, was born at Catskill October 31, 1725. He was a soldier in the revolutionary army, and died July 4, 1778. His wife was Mary Spore. His son Derrick, the next in line, was born at Catskill October 24, 1753, and served all through the revolutionary war, receiving not even a scratch. He was in the battles of Oriskany, Saratoga and many others. His wife was Rachel Spore. He died November 17, 1847, being then in his ninety-fifth year. His son David, father of John H., was born on the old homestead in Florida, March 1, 1799. He died there November 11, 1862. His wife, Sarah C. Hubbs, was born November 4, 1808. John H. Van Vechten married, February 13, 1850, Isabella Keachie, who was born in Florida January 12, 1822, and who died June 7, 1891. They had two children, Carrie Bell, who died in childhood, and Agnes Mary, now Mrs. Alfred Dougall, who with her husband, lives upon the property in a house near by. The record of this family is uncommon in these days of changing property. Five generations of the Van Vechten family lie in their burying-ground near the old home.

Van Densen, Edwin Smith, Minden, was born in Canajoharie December 1, 1854, and is the third son of a family of five children of Justus and Nancy (Judd) Van Deusen. He attended the local schools, the Cherry Valley Academy, and the Fort Plain Seminary. In 1876 he commenced to read law with Judge John D. Wendell of Fort Plain, and was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He was admitted to the bar at the fall term of 1879 and from 1880 to 1883 was managing clerk in the law office of J. D. & F. F. Wendell. On the retirement of the junior member in 1883, Mr. Van Deusen became a partner, under the firm name of Wendell & Van Deusen, which copartnership continued until 1889, since which time he has practiced alone. In politics he is a Republican. He married Emma, daughter of Henry C. Sanders of Minden.

Vedder, John J., Glen, was born in Glen May 12, 1867, and is a son of David F. and Mary E. Shelp Vedder. The other children were Francis B., Anna Maria, and Nelson D., deceased. John J. was married October 5, 1887, to Gertrude Hanson, daughter of Henry D. and Sarah Maria (Lottridge) Hanson of Mohawk. She was one of five children, the others being William L., Charles, Clarence H. and Bertha Hanson. Mr. and Mrs. Vedder have two children, David H. and Bertha M.

Van Antwerp, John N., Glen, was born in Glen February 13, 1855. He was one of two children of Peter and Rachel (Enders) Van Antwerp, the other being Putnam Van Antwerp, deceased. Peter, the father, was one of six children of John L. and Susan (Quackenbush) Van Antwerp, both natives of Rotterdam, who in early life came to Glen, where they lived and died. The other children were: Rebecca (Mrs. George Davis); Margaret (Mrs. Martin Kline, deceased); Mary Ann (Mrs. William Irving); Lewis; and Susan (Mrs. Simon Van Antwerp, deceased). Rachel (Enders) Van Antwerp, the mother, was one of seven children of Peter and Eleanor (Newkirk) Enders, the others being Garrett, Eleanor (Mrs. Tunis Van Derveer), Christie Ann (Mrs. Ecker-son), Jacob, John and Samuel Enders. Simon Van Antwerp, father of John L., was born in Rotterdam, as was also his wife, Rebecca (Mabee) Van Antwerp. His father, also named Simon, emigrated from Holland at an early day and settled in Rotterdam. The chest in which some of his effects were brought to this country is now in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Mrs. George Davis. John N. Van Antwerp was married January 8, 1878, to Lina S., daughter of Hiram and Catharine (Schuyler) Hubbs of Florida, she being one of three children. They have had two children: Roy Hubbs, who died when ten years of age; and Ethel Van Antwerp. Mr. Van Antwerp was engaged for many years in the flour, feed and grain business with his father at Fultonville, but is now engaged in the manufacture of knit goods at Amsterdam, employing about 140 workers and producing about 125 dozen per day, the factory being known as the Pioneer Knitting Mill.

Van Horne, Schuyler, Glen, one of the nine children of Cornelius C. and Hannah (Van Horne) Van Horne, was born on the family homestead in Glen, September 25, 1831. His father, Cornelius C., was also born on the homestead January 15, 1794. His wife, Hannah Van Horne, was born in the town of Florida July 4, 1796. His grandfather, Cornelius, was born at White House, N. J., March 10, 1745, afterwards

removed to Glen, where he married at the age of twenty-one Eva Frederick of Florida. He died February 26, 1823. From him the ancestry is traced directly back to the year 1634, when Jacques Van Horne was one of the committee of two of the board of trade of New York, on resolutions to form a plan to colonize the Netherlands. Schuyler Van Horne married, October 12, 1853, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Parks) Shelp of Glen. They have three children: Cornelius S., Alice, wife of William H. Voorhees, and Hannah, wife of Frank Edwards. Cornelius S., the son, married Mary A. Van Horne of Florida, September 27, 1876, she being a daughter of Cornelius D. and Adaline Van Horne. They have three children: Nellie C., Hannah M., and Cornelius H.

Shults, Christopher W., Palatine, was born in Palatine October 10, 1817. His father was William Shults, and his grandfather, Henry Shults, also born in Palatine, and one of three brothers who were taken prisoners in the revolutionary war, and the only one who returned. He married a widow, Mrs. Empie, by whom he had three daughters and seven sons. At the close of the war he settled where his grandson, Walter Shults, now lives. The latter married Mary Ricted, and they had ten children. Parents and children were members of the Lutheran church. He died in 1846, and his wife in 1850. Christopher W. Shults received a common school education, and in 1846 married Lucinda (born May 27, 1824), daughter of Casper and Elizabeth (Bauder) Getman. They had the following children: William C., Arvillura (deceased), Clark L., Martha and Cora. When Mr. Shults was three years of age he was brought by his parents to where he now lives. He helped to clear the farm he now owns. He has followed farming and lumbering. He and his family attend the Lutheran church.

Vrooman Family, The.—Henry Vrooman was born in the town of Mohawk and married for his first wife a Miss Smith, by whom he had three children, viz.: Benjamin, Catherine (wife of Barney Vedder of Mohawk), and Barney, who died young. He married second a Miss Culver, and their children were William, a resident of Penn Yan; Annette, a resident of New York; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Myas and is living at Penn Yan. Benjamin, son of Henry, was born in Mohawk, April 26, 1816, and married Mary Garlock. Their children are as follows: Willard, Henry, died aged forty-two years in Mohawk; Elizabeth, wife of Amos Bennett of Buffalo; Annette, wife of John P. Grant of Fort Plain; Mary E., resides in Mohawk; John and Katey, who died young. Benjamin died in Mohawk, May 18, 1885. Willard, of the above family, was born in Mohawk, March 22, 1844, and resided in his native town until the spring of 1882, when he came to Minden. He married first, Elizabeth Sammons of Mohawk. His second wife was Harriet Suits of Mohawk, by whom he has two children, Clarence and Elsie Elizabeth.

Van Derveer, Ira, Glen, was born in Glen November 7, 1850. He was one of four children of Tunis and Eleanor (Enders) Van Derveer, the others being Virginia, John Enders and Henrietta (who died in infancy). Tunis, the father, was born December 6, 1822, on the homestead in Glen. He was one of seven children of John and Anna (Voorhees) Van Derveer of Florida. Tunis, the great-grandfather, was born in New Jersey and came to Glen in early life. Eleanor Enders, the mother, was one of nine

children of Peter and Eleanor (Newkirk) Enders, of Florida, the latter being a daughter of Garrett and Rachel (Gardenier) Newkirk of Florida; the former born January 21, 1760, and the latter February 24, 1763. Ira Van Derveer married, June 25, 1890, Cora, one of three children of John and Sarah (Stokes) Lewis of Johnstown. John Enders Van Derveer married in 1891, Elizabeth, daughter of Joel and Augusta (Putnam) Van Horne, of Amsterdam. The farm where Ira and his parents live is known as "Willowdale Stock Farm" owned by the Van Derveer brothers, and is noted for its blooded imported Percheron and French coach horses.

Vedder, John O., Glen, was born in Glen, May 27, 1827, being one of six children of John and Elizabeth Ostrom Vedder; the others were David, Nancy, Abigail (deceased), Maria, and Elizabeth (deceased). John, his grandfather, was born in Albany county and came to Glen and settled in early life. His wife, Eva (Clute) Vedder, was also born in Albany county. Elizabeth (Ostrom) Vedder's father, John Ostrom, was a native of New Jersey. His wife was Anne Lane (see sketch of Stephen Ostrom). John O. Vedder married in 1854, Jane Ann Lasher of Root, one of nine children of George I. E. and Catherine (Smith) Lasher, the others being Catherine (Mrs. Abram P. Yates); Minerva (Mrs. L. Van Burgin); Margaret (deceased); Charlotte (Mrs. Delevan Yates); Louise (Mrs. Charles Lattimore); George (deceased), and William and Herman Lasher. They have two children, Elizabeth (Mrs. Mount Edwards), and Anna C. Vedder.

Van Heusen, Franklin, Glen, was born in the town of Johnstown (now Mohawk) April 28, 1812, being one of ten children of Wynant and Elizabeth (Cooper) Van Heusen. Wynant, the father, was born in Albany and came to Tribes Hill and settled in early life, his wife being a native of Long Island. Franklin Van Heusen was married in 1837 to Elizabeth Smith of Glen, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Smith. They had four children, two now living: Ruby Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Persse of Denver), and Diantha Louise (Mrs. Wellington Cross of Fultonville). Mr. Van Heusen has lived nearly all his life at Tribes Hill as a farmer but is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Cross in Fultonville.

Van Buren, Daniel F., Glen, one of two children of William and Harriet (Faulkner) Van Buren, was born in Glen April 19, 1842, the other being Barney Van Buren, of Fonda. His grandfather, Barney Van Buren, who married Susan Marlett, came to Glen from Otsego county in early life. Daniel F. Van Buren married, October 22, 1879, Charlotte E., one of three children of Henry and Catharine (Becker) Mabee; the others being Maria, wife of Jacob Argersinger; and Susan, wife of Conrad Shutts. Her paternal grandfather was Peter H. Mabee, and his wife was Maria Quackenbush; her great-grandfather, Harmanus Mabee, lived upon the farm, a part of the original grant of 1,000 acres, accorded to the Mabees. Her great-great-grandfather was Capt. Hendrick Mabee, who lived on the homestead, and was an officer in the revolutionary war. Her maternal grandfather was Mathias Becker of Florida, and his wife was Helen Martin, daughter of Peter and Susan (Beyean) Martin. Her maternal great-grandfather, Peter Martin, was killed by the Indians, and his house in Florida burned to the ground. His wife and three children were taken prisoners, and afterwards rescued by

General Butler, the general taking her grandmother on his horse with him and wrapping her in his fur-lined cloak, she being but a small child.

Van Evera, Roof, Canajoharie, was born October 22, 1819, and has always lived on the farm where he now resides, and is a son of Cornelius N. and Maria (Roof) Van Evera. The great-grandfather of our subject (Cornelius Van Evera) was one of the original settlers in this town (born in 1732 and died in 1815). His son Nicholas was born in this town September 8, 1770, and married, February 18, 1792, Agnes Van Alstine, from Helderberg, whose people afterwards settled in the town of Root. They were the parents of three children: Cornelius, John and Henry. Cornelius, the father of Roof, was born November 14, 1793, and married, December 14, 1814, Maria Roof, daughter of John and Gertrude (Spraker) Roof. Colonel John Roof was an officer in the revolutionary war. Cornelius was the father of three children: Nicholas C., a retired merchant of Michigan; Maria A. Burdick, died March 3, 1888, aged sixty-five years; and Roof, our subject. The latter was educated in the common schools. In 1848 he took five different contracts in the construction of the canal, which work he was engaged in for two years. March 15, 1842, he married Cornelia M., daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Wessels) Hibbard of Root. They have two children: Josephine, wife of Alonzo Geweye of Canajoharie, and Oscar C., who conducts the home farm. The latter was born December 15, 1849, and received his education in the Canajoharie Academy. He married December 23, 1873, Carrie, daughter of Charles R. and Gertrude (Stowitz) Kelly of Canajoharie. They have one child, Howard R., born November 13, 1879. Mrs. Van Evera, mother of our subject, is still living in her ninety-sixth year, having been born July 12, 1797.

Van Wie, William, Canajoharie, was born in Palatine, May 24, 1848, and is a son of John D. and Maria (Wormuth) Van Wie. Daniel, the grandfather of the subject, was a native of Palatine, born in 1789. He married Nancy Dillenback of Palatine, and they had ten children, eight of whom survive: George, Henry, John D., Andrew, Jerome, Sarah, widow of Josiah Dillenback; Eve, widow of John Van Deusen of Steuben county; Pheobe, wife of David Quackenbush; Agnes, deceased; and Lavina, who died in Steuben county in 1890. John D., father of William, was the third son. He was born in Palatine January 9, 1819, and married in 1848 Maria, daughter of M. Wormuth of Palatine. They had two children: Helen, wife of Luther Dillenback; and William, our subject. The early life of the latter was spent in Palatine. He was educated in the common schools and at Canajoharie Academy, and in 1870 his father bought the farm in Canajoharie where William now lives, and which they have since made their home. September 3, 1873, William married Lucretia, daughter of Jacob and Ann Leslie (Printup) Wessels of Root. They have five children: Vernon J., born June 24, 1875; Bertha Lesley, born March 29, 1878; Adin, born February 26, 1888; Anna Voorhees, born May 23, 1890; and William A., born June 27, 1892. Mr. Van Wie is a staunch Democrat, a member of Mapletown Grange, and is now trustee of the school in district No. 4.

Van Alstine, Cornelius, Canajoharie, was born in the town of Canajoharie, about a mile east of the village, December 17, 1840, and is a son of Mathias and Rebecca

(Van Evera) Van Alstine. His early life was spent in the town of Canajoharie, where he was educated in the common schools. August 11, 1864, he married Mary J., daughter of John B. Van Alstine of Ames. They have had five children, three of whom are living: Cora B. of Canajoharie; Adelbert, who lives at home; and Ellis. Mrs. Mary J. Van Alstine died July 22, 1826, aged thirty-six years, and he married second Cornelius C., daughter of Martin Smith of Mapletown, March 26, 1878. They have one child, Mary J., born October 12, 1879. Mrs. Van Alstine is a granddaughter of Peter Van Valkenburg and great-granddaughter of Lambert Van Valkenburg, who built the old homestead near the town line nearly 100 years ago. A great many relics of these old days are still in the hands of the family. Mr. Van Alstine was a soldier in Company E, Forty-Third New York Volunteers, serving four years in the Army of the Potomac, and was twice wounded, once very seriously.

Van Alstine, Cornelius, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie, April 6, 1817, and is a son of Cornelius and Maria (Platts) Van Alstine. Cornelius was the first of the family to visit this town. He died in 1828 at the age of fifty-five, leaving six children, of whom three are living: Jane of Marshville, Ephraim of Syracuse, and Cornelius. The latter was educated in the common schools and assisted on the farm until he was twenty-eight, when he married and started for himself, buying a farm near Marshville of over 100 acres. He remained here until 1860 and then as his wife was feeble he gave up farming and spent two years in Canajoharie and two in Marshville and then bought the only store in the village of Marshville. The same year he was appointed postmaster and has held that position ever since. He has a fine trade and is a successful business man. On the 1st of April, 1845, he married Mary, a daughter of Seymour Marsh, from whom this village was named and who is the inventor of the truss so commonly used. Mr. Van Alstine has been the father of eight children, six of whom are living: Seymour of Boston; Annie, wife of James W. Dygert, the supervisor of Canajoharie; Mary, wife of John W. Smith of Marshville; Charles P. of Philadelphia; Benjamin G. of Marshville; and Viva, wife of Roselle Cross of Albany. Mr. Van Alstine is quite an active politician, not as an office seeker but for the success of the Republican party. He is known among the citizens of this place as an honest upright man. Mrs. Van Alstine died May 9, 1868, aged forty-eight. Benjamin G. Van Alstine was born in this town, July 7, 1860, and is now conducting the general store at Marshville. He also does a butchering business and conducts a meat market in this place. August 5, 1888, he married Frank, a daughter of John F. and Aurellia (Reynolds) Brownell of Northville. They have one child, Guy B., born May 20, 1889. Mr. Van Alstine is one of the first business men of this town.

Van Ness, Henry, Canajoharie, was born in Schodack, Rensselaer county, March 20, 1821, and is a son of Philip and Marie (Springstead) Van Ness. John Van Ness, the grandfather of Henry, was a native of this State, and he was the father of five children, of whom three were boys, one of whom was Philip, father of Henry. He was born in Rensselaer county and always lived there until his death about 1827. He was the father of six children, two of whom are living: Ann, widow of Barent Hoes of Rensselaer county, and Henry. When the latter was but six years old his father died and four or five years after his mother married William Cronkhite of Minden. Henry lived

with his grandmother Springstead until he was seventeen, when she died. He then worked among the farmers of Minden for four or five years. On March 9, 1842, he was married to Hannah Cronkhite, daughter of John C. and Kate (Walrath) Cronkhite. They had six children, four of whom are living: Irving, a farmer of Canajoharie; Sarah J., wife of Eugene Link of Canajoharie; Ellen, wife of Amaziah Fake of Minden; and Idela, widow of Wm. Link, lives at home. Mrs. Van Ness died in 1884, at sixty-six years of age. In 1854 Mr. Van Ness bought the old homestead, a fine farm of 140 acres, increasing it by later purchases to 180 acres; in 1887 he sold the farm, with the exception of about four acres, to his son Irving who now conducts it. Mr. Van Ness has built a fine house on his reserved piece and also new barns and other out buildings. He is a Republican. On November 4, 1885, Mr. Van Ness was married to Sarah Cronkhite, the youngest sister of his first wife.

Van Slyke, Margaret, Canajoharie, a daughter of George and Catherine (Eacker) Lasher, is the widow of the late John S. Van Slyke, who was born January 19, 1810, at Flat Creek, town of Root, a son of Samuel I. and Catherine (Mitchell) Van Slyke. Samuel was also a native of this country, but his father (the grandfather of John S.) was John Van Slyke, who came to this country from Holland. As near as can be traced he settled in Root, and was the father of seven children of whom Samuel was the second son. He married when about thirty-five years old, Catherine, a daughter of Wm. Mitchell, who came to this country from Scotland. They were the parents of five children: John S., Andrew, Robert, Richard, and Maria, who died in infancy. Samuel I. died February 7, 1851, aged eighty-five. His wife died May 9, 1828, aged fifty. John S. married, January 3, 1833, Margaret, daughter of George and Catherine (Eacker) Lasher. The latter was a sister of George Eacker of Palatine, whose name is famous in history as having fought a duel with Philip Hamilton, a son of Alexander Hamilton, in which Hamilton was killed. In 1850 John S. Van Slyke bought the farm where our subject now resides. It is a beautiful place containing 143 acres of good land devoted to the cultivation of hay and grain. He was the father of eight children: Catherine S., Anna M., Lydia M., Andrew, George, Eliza A., Agnes M. and Isabella C., but of these only three are now living: George, who lives in Palatine; Eliza A., who lives with her mother; and Agnes M., the wife of Joseph G. Thrall of Gloversville. They have one child, Margaret S., who was born November 6, 1879. John S. died January 14, 1890. Mrs. Van Slyke's grandfather Eacker was in the revolutionary war.

Van Wie, Peter, Canajoharie, was born February 6, 1853, at the old home at Stone Ridge, and is a son of Luther and Mary M. (Collyer) Van Wie. Aurie Van Wie (son of John), the grandfather of Peter, was a native of Palatine, born about 1800. He married Margaret Neahr, and they had nine children, viz.: Henry, John, Luther, Benjamin, Fletcher, Catherine, Agnes, Martha and Mary. Luther, third son and father of our subject, was also born in Palatine, July 27, 1832, and married, January 1, 1852, Mary M., daughter of Peter and Catherine (Smith) Collyer of Root. They had nine children, four of whom survive, as follows: Minerva, wife of Euclid Garlock of Canajoharie; Cora, wife of Warren Lehman of Fonda; Arthur, a glove cutter of Gloversville; and Peter. The latter received his education in the common schools, and married, October

28, 1874, Luella, daughter of Philip A. and Louise (Wessels) Rickard of Root. They have five children: Lula M., born February 23, 1877; Sheldon H., born January 11, 1880; Leila, born December 11, 1881; Roy A., born March 5, 1886; and Elias E., born August 15, 1888. At the death of his father, July 7, 1884, Mr. Van Wie assumed the control and ownership of the homestead farm. He and his family are members of the Mapletown Reformed church.

Van Deusen, Henry A., Canajoharie, Sprout Brook p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence December 19, 1812, and is a son of Michael and Christina (Allen) Van Deusen. The earliest ancestor we can trace was Isaac Van Deusen, who was born December 18, 1704, at Great Barrington, Mass. He married Fiche Burgart January 29, 1730, and they had a son named John (grandfather of our subject), born March 19, 1737, and was married June 16, 1762, to Catherine Hollenbeck, and they were the parents of seven children. Michael was the fifth son. He was born January 27, 1778, was married February 14, 1808, at Schodack to Christina Allen. They were the parents of eleven children, eight are living: Margaret, now Mrs. David C. Winne, a widow of Salamanca; Justice, Harlow A., a doctor of Sprout Brook; William A., equal partner of H. A. Van Deusen in the homestead, also of Sprout Brook; Oliver B., of Gowanda, Cattaraugus county; Francis, of Van Horn, Iowa; Mary M., widow of Chas. Hibbard of Sprout Brook; and Henry A., our subject. Michael Van Deusen came to Canajoharie in 1811 and bought the farm known as the old homestead, a farm then of fifty acres but now of 150 acres. Our subject was educated in the public school and Whitesboro Academy. After leaving school he engaged as clerk with a dry goods merchant of Canajoharie. May 14, 1854, he married Eliza Clun of Canajoharie. When his father came to this section, in addition to the farm he bought a saw-mill and cloth-dressing and wool-carding mill. After he left the village store he went into business with his father until his father's death, February 1, 1853. His mother died March 3, 1860. In 1849 they built a new mill; they first manufactured cloth, and about 1865 turned their mill into a woolen yarn manufactory which they followed until 1884. Since 1857 Henry A. has been postmaster of the village with the exception of three years during Cleveland's administration.

Van Wie, Fletcher, Root, was born in Palatine March 17, 1841, a son of Aurie and Margaret (Nare) Van Wie. The grandfather of Fletcher was John, who was a son of Hendrich H. Van Wie, who came to this country from Holland prior to the revolution and settled in Albany county, where he died in 1774. He purchased 300 acres in Palatine, and gave it to his children. John Van Wie settled on this tract and lived the rest of his days. He had five sons and two daughters. His son Aurie, the father of Fletcher, was born December 16, 1798, and in 1852 came to Root, bought 300 acres and resided there until his death, February 6, 1877. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, and a Whig and Republican in politics. His wife died May 28, 1869. She had five sons and four daughters: John, Henry, Benjamin, Luther, Fletcher, Catharine, Agnes, Martha and Mary. Fletcher was reared on the farm and received a common school education. At the age of about fifteen he took charge of his father's farm, and lived with and cared for him until his death. He now owns 150 acres. In politics he is a Republican. He

married, July 4, 1861, Anna M. Edwards, who was born in Glen, a daughter of William H. and Eleanor (Mount) Edwards, natives of Montgomery county. William H. Edwards was a son of John Edwards, whose father came from Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wie have five children: Aurie G., William H., Margaret, wife of John R. Blood; John E. and one who died in infancy. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

Wilde, Charles, jr., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam April 16, 1856, and is a son of Edward and Harriet (Plantz) Wilde. Edward Wilde was a son of Joshua Wilde. The early life of Charles, jr., was spent with his grandfather Plantz at Albany Bush, where he attended the district school. His father died in August, 1857, and his mother married again in 1867. Charles lived with her part of the time until 1875, when he engaged with H. B. Shepard in his grist-mill at Fort Johnson, where he remained five years, during which time he married Sarah M. Hanson of Amsterdam. Their union has been blessed with one child, Laura B., born January 4, 1881. In 1880 Mr. Wilde bought the farm of ninety-seven acres, a part of John McDonald's estate. The house, although now repaired into a modern building, was standing here before the revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Wilde are both industrious and ambitious and therefore prosperous and happy.

Wittemeier, Frederick, sr., Tribes Hill, came to this country from Germany in 1850 when sixteen years of age, and located in Schenectady, where he married Louisa Wessel in 1858, and his son Frederick was born. Frederick, sr. came to Tribes Hill in 1860, and engaged in farming. In 1861 he started the manufacture of brooms in which he is still engaged. He is assisted by his five sons in this business, and they conduct an extensive manufacture—about 40,000 a year. He is the father of seven children: Henry, William, John, Charles, Ella, now Mrs. W. H. Oterson; Louise, and Frederick, jr., our subject. The manufacture of brooms is conducted by the last named on his father's farm of ninety acres, well adapted to hay and grain. Henry is the only son married; his wife was Carrie Van Buren of Schenectady; they are the parents of two children: Florence and Henry Harold. The factory employs twenty workers and manufactures 20,000 dozen yearly, and it is run by steam power; they procure broom corn from Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, and handles from Wisconsin and Fulton county. They have a fine farm and very pretty residence. Previous to his marriage Mr. Wittemeier, sr. had traveled through the west and was very prosperous as a contractor in the copper mines at Lake Superior. He also worked at his broom trade at Buffalo, and was engaged in the manufacture of brooms at Columbus, Ohio.

Ward, James H., Amsterdam, was born in Schenectady September 13, 1827; he was educated in the public schools of that city and at the age of fourteen he became a clerk for five years. Afterwards he learned to be a machinist; he was married twice, first on February 2, 1850, to Elizabeth H. Cole of West Troy, by whom he had two children, a son and a daughter: J. Edwin, who married Elizabeth Tilford of Amsterdam and resides at Bradford, Pa.; and Lillie J., who married William A. Shepard and resides in Syracuse. Mrs. Ward died May 26, 1880. August 21, 1882, for his second wife he married Mrs. Kate A. Draper (Swits) of Schenectady. Mrs. Ward had two children by her first husband, Mr. Draper, one son and one daughter: Mary Belle, who married J.

Howard Pettit of Amsterdam; they have one son, Ward H.; and J. Clarence, who married Jessie French of Adrian, Mich., and reside in Detroit. Mr. Ward came to this city in the year 1867 and was in the foundry business in the fifth ward under the firm name of Ward, Perkins & Company. He has been superintendent of the Chuctenunda Gas Light Company of Amsterdam for fifteen years. Mr. Ward's father, Jabez, was a native of New Jersey and came to Schenectady as early as 1812; he married Electa Dean, and had twelve children, eight of whom lived to be over fifty years old. Only two are living: James H. and Spencer C., who resides in Rochester.

Winegar, Charles P., Amsterdam, was born in Greene county on the 10th of November, 1835, and moved to Albany county with his parents when a year old. He was educated in the public schools and Rensselaerville Academy, and graduated from Madison University in 1857, and in the year 1858 he was admitted to the bar at Plattsburgh. He published the first daily newspaper in Amsterdam and was a newspaper man as proprietor and editor twelve years. On the 10th of November, 1858, he married Mary E., only daughter of Thomas B. and Catherine Sammons of Amsterdam. They have three children, two daughters and a son. One of the daughters, Flora, married Prof. A. P. Brigham of Colgate University; and the other, Abigail S., married Harvey L. Finch, a merchant of Saratoga Springs. The son, William Hoadley, who is a student at Colgate University. Mr. Winegar's father, Rev. Reuben Winegar, married Ann H. Hoadley of Swanton, Vt., and was a prominent minister in the Baptist denomination in the state of New York for over fifty years. They had three children, two sons and a daughter: Daniel H., Charles P., and Mary A. The family was distinguished in the early history of the valley. The Sammons family and their ancestors were in all of the patriotic wars.

Wright, George, Amsterdam, was born in Florida December 31, 1843, and was educated in the public schools. He was a farmer until he attained the age of twenty-two, when he learned the carpenter's trade; in 1868 he came to Amsterdam and worked for others until 1871 when he began as a contractor, a business he still continues. He has married twice, first on December 23, 1869, to Julia Hart; she died September 3, 1870. On March 25, 1875, he married Mary Ellsworth of Canajoharie. They have a daughter, Grace C. Mr. Wright is a member of Woodbine Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and of the American Mechanics.

Whitcomb, Calvin, Amsterdam, was born on the 22d of February, 1838, in Johnstown, and in early life was a farmer in Glen. In the spring of 1866 he came to Amsterdam and entered the employ of Fieldhauer & Van Buren, grocers, as clerk. In 1871 he removed to Port Jackson and opened a grocery store, which he has since continued. By his courtesy and fair dealing he has won the confidence of the public and enjoys a large and profitable trade. He is an earnest and steadfast Republican, and since he became of age he has taken an active part in politics. He held the position of postmaster of Port Jackson for about thirteen years. In 1882 he was elected supervisor of the town of Florida and in 1887 he was re-elected; he served as chairman of the board that year, being the first Republican to serve in that capacity for many years; he was again put in nomination and elected. That spring Port Jackson was

annexed to Amsterdam, which caused another election of supervisor for the Fifth ward. Mr. Whitcomb was again renominated and re-elected, and has also been chairman of the Republican county committee. Mr. Whitcomb is a member of the Baptist denomination and has been trustee about fifteen years and treasurer five years. All his honors have come unsought and have been the result of a desire on the part of the community for faithful and intelligent service. In September, 1865, he married Harriet, fourth daughter of Jacob Newkirk. They had three children, two sons and a daughter: Beecher, who died in infancy; Frazier C., who is a clerk for his father; Lilly, who resides with her parents. Mr. Whitcomb's father, Levi, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1797, and when a young man came to this state and married Maria Miller of this county. They had three children, two sons and a daughter: Luther, Mary, and Calvin. Mr. Whitcomb's mother died in 1840. His father married second, Phebe Hall, and had one daughter, Jane.

White, George B., Amsterdam, was born on the 6th of April, 1849, in the town of Milford, Otsego county, and came with his parents to Duanesburg when he was four years old. He was educated in the Albany Normal School and was prepared for college at Union School, Schenectady. In 1870 he entered Union College, graduating in 1874. He taught school, alternating with the study of law. He first read law with Ralph E. Prime of Yonkers, afterwards with E. Winslow Paige of Schenectady, and with Judge M. L. Stover of Amsterdam. In the year 1877 he was admitted to the bar. He first practiced in Troy, and in 1881 he formed a copartnership with Z. S. Westbrook, of Amsterdam, and remained with him for three years; since then he has practiced law alone. He was for two years justice of the peace of Amsterdam, and in the spring of 1881 he was elected city recorder. On the 30th of January, 1884, he was married to Barbara T. Carver of Whitehall. They have two children, a son and a daughter: Georgia P., and Percy. The ancestry of the family is English and Scotch.

Wait, Henry, Amsterdam, Hagaman's Mills p. o., was born in the town of Maryland, Otsego county, February 2, 1819, son of Philip and Lucretia (Rouse) Wait. His boyhood days were spent at home until the age of nine, when he was left to shift for himself. When he was fourteen his father bound him out to a merchant by the name of John Becker, of South Wooster, for four years. Then he went to Albany and accepted a position as clerk in Laisdell & Fasset's dry goods store. He remained in Albany until 1842, when his health failed. Then he went to Knox where his father lived on a farm, but his health was not restored. The next year he went back to Albany and went into partnership with his brother in a boot and shoe store on Broadway, near Steuben street. In 1850 he gave up this business, but remained in Albany county for three years, after which he went to New York, engaging with Howes, Hyatt & Co. as a salesman, which occupation he followed until 1857, when he came to the town of Amsterdam, where he has since resided, and now owns a grain farm of ninety-seven acres. January 12, 1856, he married Susan A. Barney, daughter of Manley and Rachael (Miller) Barney of Saratoga county, who died March 26, 1888. They were the parents of one child, William Henry, born March 12, 1865.

Walts, Gasheree, was born in Stark in 1830, and died in Minden, August 8, 1875. He married Diana Miller, and they had three children: Mary, wife of Herman Failing, of

Minden; David; and Burton, a resident of Stark. Gasheree was a cheesemaker by trade, and established the Frey's Bush factory in 1862, with which he was connected at the time of his death. David, the oldest son of the above, was born in Stark, February 4, 1854, and attended the district school of his native town of Minden. He had learned his father's trade at the age of seventeen years, and is still conducting the Frey's Bush factory. He opened a hotel and store at Frey's Bush in 1890. A Republican in politics, he has been postmaster at Frey's Bush since 1886. He married Ida, daughter of Jabez Pickard, and they have one child, Nellie.

Wemple, H. Seymour, town of Minden, was born in Mohawk April 26, 1862, and is the second son in a family of seven children of Robert and Sarah (Vrooman) Wemple. He attended the local schools and Cazenovia Seminary, leaving the latter institution in 1880. His father owns the county asylum, and Mr. Wemple after leaving school, till 1882, assisted his father in the management of its affairs. In the latter year he went to New Haven and for one year was cashier in John H. Starin's office in that city. He then came to Fort Plain and purchased from John Zeilly his present business, dealing in coal and farming implements. In politics a Democrat, he has been trustee of the village four years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, of the Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, and now is master of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433, F. & A. M. He married Jennie, daughter of the late Samuel Fisher of Fultonville, and has two daughters, Mary Louisa and Gertrude Nare Wemple.

Wiles Family, The.—Peter J., son of John, was born in Minden July 26, 1821, and married Melinda, daughter of John Brookman. She was born in Minden December 22, 1823, and died May 2, 1879. Peter died February 20, 1877. They had children as follows: Mary, born September 8, 1843, widow of Conrad Walster, resides in Minden; Lany Catharine, born November 16, 1845, wife of John P. Casler of Minden; John, born March 23, 1849; Elmira, born September 9, 1856, wife of Tileson Dunckel of Minden; David, born March 18, 1859, resides in Minden; Abraham, born July 31, 1861; William, born July 2, 1863; and a daughter born January 28, 1842, and died August 28, 1842. William married Lany, daughter of James Alter of Minden, and they have two children, Reny and Leah. Mr. and Mrs. Dunckel have two children, Fayette and Cary. John, the oldest son, also a native of Minden, married Emma, daughter of George Flint. They have had three children, Alvin, who died in infancy; Florence, born June 30, 1882; and Effie, born December 24, 1887. Mr. Wiles is a carpenter by trade, but since 1877 has been engaged in farming.

Wood, Edwin Wellington, Minden, was born in Middlefield, Otsego county, March 25, 1820, and is the youngest son in a family of four children of Levi and Olive Wood. His father was a farmer, and his early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, and attending the winter terms of the district school. He was also a student at the Clinton Liberal Institute. In 1840 he became identified with the grocery business, and in 1842 he was a member of the firm of Davis & Wood of Cooperstown. He disposed of his interest in this firm in 1844 and came to Fort Plain, and from that time until 1881 was engaged in the grocery business in the store now occupied by Wood & Smith. During this time he had various partners, and part of the time was alone in business. The firm

originally consisted of himself, William Clark and Charles Newkirk, the firm name being Clark, Newkirk & Wood. On the retirement of Mr. Newkirk the firm was Clark & Wood. Then James Hall and William Clark, jr., became partners with Mr. Wood, the firm being Wood, Clark & Hall. Mr. Hall disposed of his interest, and the firm of Wood, Clark & Co. was formed, the company being Mr. Wood's son Herbert, which continued until Mr. Wood's retirement in 1881. In 1864 he helped to organize the Fort Plain bank and became one of its directors, and in 1875 was elected president, which position he also filled for the Fort Plain National bank, which was an outgrowth of the former institution. In 1869, in connection with James Skipman, who had removed his spring and axle works from Springfield to Fort Plain, he helped to form the Fort Plain Spring and Axle company, and is now one of the four owners of the plant, and holds the position of vice-president. He is also one of the five owners of the Fort Plain Knitting Works and is president of the Fort Plain Gas and Electric Light company. A Republican in politics, he has never been an aspirant to political honors. Mr. Wood is interested in educational matters, and it was mainly through his efforts that the Clinton Liberal Institute was removed from Clinton to Fort Plain, and the site where the buildings now stand, also the cost of the buildings and the land at that time was given by him to the institution. He is a member of the board of trustees. He married for his first wife, Emily, daughter of Herbert Coburn, and their children are: Rexy, wife of William Clark; Herbert C., Albert S. and Emma, wife of E. E. Elwood. His second wife is Alice, daughter of Chandler D. Faulkner of Utica, and they have one child, Chandler.

Wendell, Frederick Fox, Minden, was born in Canajoharie September 18, 1848, and is sixth son in a family of ten children of Benjamin and Sarah (Fox) Wendell. After receiving a common school education he attended the Fort Plain and Cooperstown Seminaries and graduated in 1868 in a preparatory course from Cazenovia Seminary. In the fall of that year he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated in the fall of 1872. He commenced reading law with his brother, John D., and in 1874 formed a partnership with him, which was dissolved in 1883 on account of Mr. Wendell receiving the appointment of general tax agent for the West Shore railroad. The duties of this office comprise all the legal business of the road in reference to the taxes and real estate. A Republican in politics, Mr. Wendell has never been called upon by his fellow citizens to hold public office. He married Emma, daughter of Isaac Bush of Turin, Lewis county, who also graduated from Cazenovia Seminary. They have one child, Irma B.

Weller, Lester Myron, Minden, was born in Minden May 12, 1856, the youngest child in a family of seven children of Jordan and Ann Maria (Diefendorf) Weller. He attended the public schools of Fort Plain and on December 14, 1875, he commenced the study of law with Judge John D. Wendell, and was admitted to the bar January 31, 1879. He then commenced the practice of his profession in the office of the late Judge George Yost, and subsequently formed a partnership with John S. Yost, the firm being Weller & Yost. This was dissolved in April, 1884, and Mr. Weller continued in business alone until May, 1885, when he associated himself with his present partner, Joseph L. Moore, the firm being Weller & Moore. This firm has been connected with many important cases, among which may be mentioned the foreclosure of a mortgage given

by George Clarke on over twelve thousand acres, divided into one hundred farms, which were all located in Montgomery county and the consequent litigation which extended over a period of five years. They also in 1891 erected a three story brick office building in Fort Plain, which is acknowledged to be the best building of its kind in Montgomery county. Mr. Weller in politics is a Democrat, but has never been an aspirant to public office. He is the treasurer, also one of the trustees of the Clinton Liberal Institute and Fort Plain Military Academy. He married first, Emma, daughter of Jeremiah Wagner of Fort Plain, by whom he had one child, Harry G. He married second, Clara M., daughter of Chandler D. Faulkner of Utica.

Moore, Joseph Leonard, was born in Albany December 24, 1859, and is the youngest child in a family of two of Dr. Levi and Georgenia (Todd) Moore. After attending the public schools he graduated in 1878 from the Albany Academy. He commenced the study of law with James E. Dewey in Albany, and on the removal of that gentleman to Fort Plain accompanied him. He was admitted to the bar in 1881, and practiced alone until he became a member of the firm of Weller & Moore. Politically he is a Republican. He married Annie L., daughter of Davis W. Bates, an attorney of Cherry Valley. They have one child, Leonard B.

Walts, Reuben, Minden, was born in Minden, December 1, 1845. His grandfather Jacob Walts, came from Stark to Minden in 1834, and bought the farm now occupied by his grandson. He died in Minden in 1852, at the age of sixty-two. He married Mary, daughter of Peter Elwood. Their children were David, Gasheree, Peter, a resident of Steuben county; Isaac, died aged fourteen; Margaret, married Benjamin Failing and died in Steuben county; Polly, married Dexter Pickney, and died at Stark; and Catherine, married Peter Dunckle and died in Minden. David, mentioned above, was born in Stark January 19, 1821, and by his first wife, Nancy, the daughter of Abram Dunckle, had four children: Wesley, who died in 1871 in Minden; Reuben; Rosie, wife of Peter B. Moyer, of Minden; and Mary, who died aged twenty-four. David died in Warren, January 16, 1866. Reuben Walts received only a common school education, and worked on his father's farm, which he has carried on since the latter's death. He married Anna, daughter of John Lumley, and they have had eight children: Mabel, who died aged twelve years; Harry, Edith, who died aged two; Emerson, Ray, who died aged four; Howard, Grace, who died aged five years, and Ivy.

Wagner, Englehardt, was born in Minden, and was the son of Englehardt Wagner. He died in the town of Minden in 1823. He married Elizabeth Countryman, who died in Stark, in 1887, at the age of about one hundred years. Their children were: Mary, who married Martinus Pickard, and died in Minden; Marcus, Andrew, who died in Stark; Sally, widow of Daniel Casler, lives in Minden; Charles, who died in Canajoharie; and Englehardt, who was born in Minden, September 18, 1823, and married Betsey Sneed. Their two children, Charles and Mary Elizabeth, both died in childhood. Marcus, son of Englehardt, was born in Minden, September 30, 1807, where he died June 2, 1857. He married Eliza, daughter of Henry I. Diefendorf. She died in Minden July 7, 1886, aged seventy-six years. The children by this marriage were: Ephraim M., and Eliza C., widow of Jacob H. Pickard, who resides in Minden. Marcus lived

on the farm now occupied by his son. Ephraim M. was born in Minden, August 20, 1836, and married for his first wife, Jane, daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Zoller. The issue of this marriage was Charlie E., a resident of Gloversville. He married second, Catherine, daughter of Peter Casler. His third marriage was with Clara Roberts. They have had four children: Cora D. and Clarence G., who died in childhood; and Lelah E. and Clara B., now living.

Walrath, Emory, Minden, was born in Minden, February 2, 1860. His grandfather, Jacob Walrath, married first a Miss Wagner, by whom he had five children, viz.: Jacob, William J., Betsy, widow of Garret Sneed, who resides in Jasper; Sally, widow of Moyer Lambert; and Anna, who married Daved Geesler, and died in Minden. Jacob married second, Nancy Deck, and their children were Hiram, Amos, Emily, wife of David Lambert, of Minden; Maria, wife of George Pickard, of Perth; and Almira, who married William Geesler, and died in Minden. William J., the father of Emory, was born in Minden June 25, 1822, and married Lucinda Duncle. Of their children three reached maturity, viz.: Mary E., wife of William C. House of Minden; Annie M., who married Emory Diefendorf, and died in Minden; and Emory. William J. died August 3, 1885. Emory, of the above family, married Lydia Iffland, and has two children, Willie and Margie. He has always been a resident of Minden, and has carried on farming in connection with the shipping of eggs to New York and other markets.

Winnie, Richard, Glen, was born on the Winnie homestead in Glen, November 3, 1830. He was one of ten children of Major James and Jemima (Van Cise) Winnie. James was born in Ulster county in 1796, and came to Glen in 1803. His father, Luke Winnie, was born in Ulster county also, coming to Glen in early life, where he kept a hotel on the spot where Richard Winnie now lives, until his death, May 18, 1831, at the age of sixty-nine. His son James continued the hotel business for several years after his father's death. He was married in 1855 to Sarah Conover, who died a few years later. He subsequently married Elizabeth Stowitts, who died, leaving one son, James W., who lives with his father on the farm. Two other children died in infancy. He married third, Anna M. E. Ostrom, who is now living. With the exception of eight years in the town of Root, and two years in Fultonville, Mr. Winnie has always lived in Glen, upon the farm where he was born.

Wemple, Edward, Glen, was born October 23, 1843, he being one of six children of William Barent and Rebecca (Yates) Wemple of Fultonville (see sketch of Nicholas Wemple). He graduated from Union College in 1866, studied law for a time, then entered the foundry business with his father. He was elected supervisor of the town in 1874, serving three years; was elected assemblyman in 1877-78; was also elected to congress in 1882; then was elected state senator in 1885. He was also elected state comptroller in 1887, and re-elected in 1889. September 16, 1868, Mr. Wemple married Adelaide F. Groot of Schenectady, by whom he has three children living: Grace Adelaide, wife of W. H. Parker; Alice Maude, and Edward Guy Wemple; three of their children having died young. Mr. Wemple's successful career shows his adaptation to public life in which he has reflected credit on his native place—having been always characterized by honesty, ability, and courtesy.

Wemple, Nicholas, Glen, one of six children of William Barent and Rebecca (Yates) Wemple, was born in Fultonville February 22, 1834; the others being Abram (dead), William H., Edward, Frank P. and Ann Alida (Mrs. Francis W. Kip, jr.). William Barent Wemple, the father, was born in Caughnawaga (now Fonda), August 16, 1809. He moved to Fultonville in early life, where he engaged in many important enterprises, among them the foundry now operated by his sons. He served the town as supervisor and in other capacities for many years. He was married, March 14, 1833, to Rebecca Yates, and died December 16, 1869. His father, Barent I., was also born at Caughnawaga, September 12, 1778. He married Nellie, a daughter of Ralph Schenck. He died April 1, 1811. Johannes B., his father, was also born in the same place, April 18, 1731. He married Maria Veeder of his town and their house was burned, May 22, 1780, by John Johnson's Indians. He was captain in 4th company 3d battalion Tryon county militia, organized August 26, 1775. He joined St. George's Lodge, F. & A. M., Schenectady, April 1, 1775. His father, Johannes (the great-great-grandfather of Nicholas), married Catalina Schermerhorn June 15, 1700. In 1711 he was "of the Mohawk county on the Mohawk river." He was a large land owner, one of the trustees of the Schenectady Patent and with five others contracted with colonial Governor Hunter, October 11, 1711, for the erection of two forts, one at Onondaga, the other at Fort Hunter, within the enclosure of the latter was to be built a chapel. This was familiarly known as Queen Anne's chapel and was destroyed many years ago, but the parsonage is now the residence of D. W. Devendorf. He died October 14, 1749. His father, Myndert, was born in 1649. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1689, and was killed at the massacre of February 9, 1690. His father, Jan Barentse Wemple, was born in Dort, Lower Netherlands, Holland, in the year 1620. He came to America in a Dutch vessel in 1640. He was one of fifteen original settlers of Schenectady county. He died in 1663. His father, Johannes, was born, lived and died in Dort, Lower Netherlands, Holland. Nicholas Wemple was married first to Elizabeth S. Empie of Ephratah, who died April 9, 1869. She was the mother of three children: Carrie and Ella, who died in childhood, and William Barent Wemple, jr., who was born September 29, 1866, and who was married, June 15, 1892, to Gertrude Lillian, a daughter of John B. and Lillian Gertrude (Lipe) Berry of Fonda. Nicholas Wemple married second, Margaret, daughter of William W. and Jane Ann Kline. In 1856 he entered the foundry business with his father, where he has since remained. He has served as president of the village and has been prominently identified with the Masonic order.

Wessell, Joseph P., Glen, was born on the Printup homestead (his mother's home) in Glen September 5, 1850. He was one of two children, the other being Lucretia (Mrs. William Van Wie) of Jacob and Ann Lesley (Printup) Wessell. Andrew Wessell, his grandfather, is believed to have been born in Root. His wife was Nancy Rudolph. The father of Ann Lesley was Joseph, and her mother Lucretia Huginen Printup. Joseph P. Wessell, married December 9, 1874, Elizabeth M. Bellinger of Root, one of thirteen children of Colonel William and Eliza (Putnam) Bellinger, the others being Mary, Margaret (widow of David Jones), Caroline (Mrs. George W. Putnam), William, Winfield and Clarence, Bellinger and John, Lewis and Andrew, three having died young. Her grandfather was John Bellinger. They have one child,

Mamie L. Wessell. Mr. Wessell has spent nearly all his life on the farm where he was born.

Wemple, Adam Z., Glen, was born in Mohawk January 26, 1855, and was one of seven children of Robert and Sarah (Vrooman) Wemple of Mohawk, the others being Catharine Mary (Mrs. Sylvanus Quackenbush); H. Seymour, Gertrude (Mrs. Ezra Nare); Evanna (Mrs. Peter Schuyler); Sarah (Mrs. Ed. Ryan); and Marshall F. Wemple. Adam Z. was married, October 24, 1877, to Lydia Wilson, daughter of Ira and Sarah Jane (Schuyler) Wilson of Mohawk. They have four children: Harvey D., Florence N., Robert, jr., and J. Schuyler Wemple. Mr. Wemple has lived in the town of Glen twenty-four years and for the past eight years has been in charge of the county alms house.

Warren, R. Devene, Canajoharie, was born in Warren, Herkimer county, October 25, 1862, and is a son of Charles E. and Mary (Van Antwerp) Warren. As far back as we can trace the ancestry of this family they were natives of this State. Richard Warren, grandfather of R. Devene, always made his home in Herkimer county. He was the father of four children, all of whom are living: Roselle, of Richfield Spa.; Helen, wife of R. D. Whiteman, a dry goods merchant of Mohawk; Albert, a boot and shoe merchant of Mohawk; and Charles F., father of our subject, a farmer in Canajoharie. He was born September 14, 1830, in the town of Warren, and made his home there until 1870. February 5, 1856, he married Mary R., daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Armstrong) Van Antwerp. They have had three children: Daniel M., born November 22, 1857, died November 10, 1860; Alice, born March 10, 1859, married James R. Scott of Brooklyn June 16, 1880, and died April 5, 1891, leaving three children—Florence B., Ethel Q., Warren; and R. Devene, subject of our sketch. The early life of the latter was spent in Warren. He was educated in the Mohawk graded schools and at the age of twenty-six engaged as clerk in the general store and post-office of M. Countryman at Ames, where he remained two years, during which time he bought the undertaking business of Grenville Scott (deceased) in the village. In the summer of 1892 he took a course of instruction at Syracuse in the school of embalming, conducted by S. A. Sullivan, receiving his diploma June 30, 1892. Mr. Warren has made a great success of his profession, and is gradually building up a trade second to none in the town. He is a member of the Methodist church at Ames.

Wheeler, Charles W., Canajoharie, was born on the 25th of April, 1834, in Ames and is a son of Willard R. and Laura (White) Wheeler, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Canajoharie. The father, a descendant of Josiah Wheeler, one of the original "Boston Tea Party," was a merchant at Ames many years, a Democrat in politics and was supervisor of the town. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and was one of the founders of the M. E. Church at Ames. He was a son of Isaac Wheeler. Our subject's maternal grandparents came from Connecticut at an early day and settled on a farm in this town; both families were of English origin. Mr. Wheeler was educated at the village school and graduated at the Canajoharie Academy. In early life he engaged in the insurance business, which he has since continued. He was elected justice of the peace in 1865 and has held that office ever since. He studied law and

was admitted to the bar in 1887, and is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Canajoharie. On the 30th of January, 1850, he married Nancy E. Cowenhoven of Dutch ancestry. She was a daughter of John E. and Elizabeth (Van Alstine) Cowenhoven. The latter family was among the very early settlers of the county and among the influential families of the Mohawk valley. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have three children: Willard R., a plumber; John C., a lawyer; and Elizabeth. Mr. Wheeler is a Democrat in politics and is one of the oldest Masons of Hamilton Lodge No. 79; he has been master of the lodge several times and H. P. of Hiram Union Chapter No. 53 R. A. M. He is a genial and much respected citizen.

Wessels, Richard L., Canajoharie, was born at Flat Creek August 16, 1827, a son of Luke, jr., and Aveline (Van Epps) Wessels. The great-grandfather of Richard L., Luke Wessels, was born in Holland and came to this country with his father when a boy. They settled first at New York, between the years 1750 and 1760. His father took up sixty acres of land on Manhattan Island. After the father's death, Luke and a brother left New York, the latter settling at Wessels Hill and Luke at Flat Creek. Luke has four sons: Abram, Isaac, Luke, and Cornelius. The third son, Luke, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born a Flat Creek in 1780, and in 1799 he married Tonica Van Valkenburg of this town. Of their three sons and three daughters but one, Lucretia, is now living. She is the widow of Elias Lasher, of Spraker's Basin. Luke, the son, was the father of Richard L. He was born June 20, 1802, at Flat Creek, and in 1823 married Aveline Van Epps of Fultonville, by whom he had ten children, all living: Abram of Pennsylvania; Evert of Dakota; Elisha of Texas; John of Amsterdam; Luke of Colorado; Tinnetta, wife of George Rowledge of West Galway; Elizabeth, wife of Henty Mead of Hoffman's Ferry; Jane, wife of Jacob Mowers of Currtown; Peter A. of Gifford; and Richard L. The early life of the latter after the age of ten was spent in Cherry Valley, where he married, July 3, 1849, Anna M., daughter of Richard Horning. They have had six children, but two of whom survive: Silas Addison, a physician of Canajoharie; and Nora, wife of John Miller of Ames. In 1867 Mr. Wessels bought his present farm in the village of Ames, a beautiful farm of 223 acres. Mrs. Wessels died May 14, 1889, and Mr. Wessels married second, Hannah E., daughter of Philip Smith of this town. The marriage occurred March 11, 1891. They are active workers in the church, and Mr. Wessels is trustee and class-leader of the Ames M. E. Church.

White, Dr. Joseph, Canajoharie, was born on the 9th of May, 1800, at Chatham, Conn., and when five years of age came with his parents to Middlefield, Otsego county. His early life was spent in hard labor on the farm and at the age of twenty-one he began the study of medicine with his second cousin, Dr. Joseph White of Cherry Valley, who was then one of the leading physicians of the county. In 1821 he joined the Masons and took a great interest in the workings of the society; he was chairman of the committee of foreign correspondence from 1852 to 1872. In 1824 he began to practice at Penfield, but soon after ill health obliged him to seek a milder climate and in 1831 he went to Washington, D. C., and opened a drug store. In 1832 while there he had the cholera, the first time it appeared in the country. In 1835 he bought a drug store in Cooperstown

and in 1838 he exchanged it for a drug store in Canajoharie. For several years in company with Mr. Marsh he was engaged in the manufacture of trusses. He continued the practice of medicine until the fall of 1878 when increasing ill health compelled him to retire. On the 20th of March, 1845, he married Marietta, a daughter of Abraham and Ruth Johnson Roseboom. She was born on the 30th of March, 1813, in the town of Cherry Valley. Her father was a prominent farmer and owned several thousand acres of land in Otsego county; the town of Roseboom was named after him. Dr. and Mrs. White had three children, all living, as follows: John R., born March 25, 1846; Sarah E., born October 27, 1848; and Joseph H., born August 29, 1855. The Whites trace their ancestry to one Elder John White, who came to America about 1695. He was one of the first settlers of Cambridge, Mass., and lived within the college grounds of Harvard.

Worden, Rev. Alonzo T., of Ames, was born in Oneida county, April 15, 1841, and is a son of Calvin and Julia Ann (Teall) Worden, both natives of the State. His father was a descendant of Isaac Worden of Quebec, originally a French family of the name of De Warden. The grandfather of Alonzo T. settled at Stephantown about 1800. His mother was a daughter of Rev. H. V. Teall, who was a pastor of many of the Christian churches of central New York. Our subject at the age of nineteen found himself in Minnesota at the outbreak of the rebellion, and at once became a soldier in Company A, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry and served three years in the war. He was at the battles of Mill Springs, Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga. He was especially mentioned for bravery at the latter battle, in the Minnesota State History. At the close of the war he studied for the ministry and became a pastor in the Free Baptist church. He was eight years pastor at Unadilla Forks, and has been ten years at Ames. The two beautiful churches at Ames and Marshville have been built under his pastorate. He has been a writer for the press for several years. Among others for *Judge* and *Frank Leslie's Newspaper*. His poems of light character may be found in many collections. He is a pensioner of the war and a member of the G. A. R., and has been selected on many occasions as the orator on Decoration-day. In May, 1870, he married Sarah E., daughter of Peter Whittaker of Oneida county. They have had six children, four of whom are living: May, wife of George Turnbull of Ilion; Carrie, Kittie, and Hattie. Mr. Worden has been a Prohibitionist in politics since 1880, but formerly was a Republican. He is a member of the Masons of Blue Lodge third degree.

Wiles, Abram, Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in the town of Minden July 20, 1825, a son of John, jr., and Laney (Yorden) Wiles. The great-grandfather of our subject, Joseph Henry Wiles, was born in Germany, and came to this country before the war of the revolution, and was an officer in the continental army during that war. His son John was born in 1776 and was the father of thirteen children; only one is living, Catherine, wife of Henry Yorden of Minden, eighty-eight years of age. John Wiles, jr., father of our subject, was the oldest son; he was born November 19, 1797, and married Laney Yorden, daughter of Adam Yorden of Stark, March 17, 1822. They were the parents of nine children and three are now living: Sarah, who lives with Abram; Menzo, an agent at Johnstown; and Abram, our subject. When the latter

was two years old his parents moved into the town of Canajoharie on the farm now occupied by Charles A. Wiles. Abram lived on that farm until 1861, when he bought the farm of his present residence. It is a fine one of 100 acres. March 14, 1850, he was married to Mary C. Flint of Minden, and their union has been blessed by four children: John C., born September 23, 1851; Charles A., born May 14, 1855; Laney Marie, wife of Jonas Cooper of Canajoharie, born June 24, 1860; A. Edward, born March 28, 1867. Mr. Wiles is one of the leading farmers of this town, owning 225 acres of the best land in the vicinity. He has always been a supporter and attendant of the Presbyterian Church at Buel.

Wilson, William H., Mohawk, son of J. W. and Betsey (Wallace) Wilson, was born in Ballston, December 12, 1814. When he was three weeks old his father moved to the town of Watervliet. William H. received a common school education. When he was fifteen years old he assisted his father, who was engaged upon the railroad, then being built between Albany and Schenectady (the first in the state) by keeping time books and other services. In 1835 his father had a contract on the (then) Utica & Schenectady R. R., now the N. Y. C. R. R., under which William H. acted as foreman, having charge of the workmen. In 1837 he married Evaline Weaver, who bore him five children: John W., a farmer at Canastota; Albert C., who was a soldier in the late war; Floyd B., a distinguished lawyer in New York and well known orator and literateur; Annie E., who resides at home; and Warren, who died in infancy. In 1837 he bought the Halfway House between Albany and Schenectady; in 1844 the hotel was burned, when he built the house that is now standing. In 1852 he moved to Tribes Hill and bought a farm of 100 acres, which he carried on until 1872, when he retired and settled in Fonda. His wife died February 18, 1888. They were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Mr. Wilson has been assessor and trustee of the village, and town assessor.

Wilson, John W., Mohawk, a son of J. W. and Betsey (Wallace) Wilson, was born July 2, 1821, in Albany county. When he was nineteen years of age his father moved to Amsterdam. In 1848 he, in company with James W. Kline, opened a store at Tribes Hill, and in 1856 opened a general store at Fultonville and carried on that business for a few years. He then sold out and opened a drug store, which he carried on fourteen years. He has been secretary and treasurer of the Montgomery County Agricultural Association. He is a Republican, and a charter member of Fultonville Lodge No. 531, F. & A. M., having joined in 1859. He has been secretary and treasurer several years. He is also a member of Johnstown Chapter No. 78, R. A. M., and a member of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 51, K. T. of Gloversville. In 1853 he married Mary Davis who died in January, 1859, and their only child in the following month. In 1860 he married Louise, daughter of Daniel Spraker, and they have had one child, who died in February, 1865.

Wagner, Nathan, Palatine, was born in Palatine December 20, 1818, and is a son of Peter P. Wagner, a son of John Wagner, whose father was Colonel Peter Wagner, a son of Peter Wagner, who came from Hamburg, Germany, and settled in Schoharie county, and afterwards, in 1772, on the farm now owned by J. Harvey Smith in Palatine.

tine, where he died. Col. Peter Wagner was heir to this farm, which remained in the Wagner family many years. John Wagner was born in Palatine, and married a Miss Allen, who bore him the following children: John, Peter P., and Ezariah. He married second, a Miss Bleeker. His death occurred about 1836. Peter P. Wagner was born in Palatine in 1788, was raised on a farm, and married Mary, daughter of John Ficle. Their children were as follows: Nathan, Edward, Ezariah, Lucinda, Mary A., Julia A., and Amelia. Mr. Wagner was assessor and constable, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He died in 1826 and his wife in 1836. Nathan Wagner was raised on a farm and was educated at the common schools. His father died when he was seven years of age and his mother when he was thirteen. When he was fifteen he had control of the farm he now owns. He married Nancy, daughter of John Gramps of Palatine, who bore him three children as follows: Peter, John, and Menzo (deceased). Mrs. Wagner died May 23, 1860. May 21, 1862, he married Eliza, daughter of Col. Nicholas Wagner, son of Peter Wagner, whose father was Col. Peter Wagner above mentioned. Nicholas Wagner was born in Palatine and married Elizabeth Keller, who bore him the following children: Nancy, Eliza, Catherine, Gertrude, Julia, Ann and Nicholas. He was in the war of 1812, was a Lutheran, a Mason, and died in 1860; his widow died in 1882.

Wessell, Jacob, A., Root, was born at his present residence January 21, 1837, and is a son of Peter L. and Clarissa (Wessell) Wessell. His grandfather was Luke Wessell, a son of Luke who came from Kinderhook to Charleston prior to the revolution, and in 1765 located on 250 acres of land (where Jacob A. now resides) in Flat Creek. He was a carpenter and millwright, and built the first saw-mill on Flat creek, which he operated. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Jane Hugoner, and they had three sons and three daughters. His son Luke, grandfather of Jacob A., died in July, 1860, aged over seventy years. His wife was Lenetta Van Valkenburg, and they had three sons and three daughters. His son, Peter L., was born on the homestead May 17, 1810, and resided in the town all his life. Of his six children, five survived: Luke, James, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Cyrus. Peter L. died May 6, 1887, and his wife survives him. She was a daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Vine) Wessel, who were early settlers of the town of Root, and of Holland descent. Jacob A. Wessell received a district school education, and is of the fourth generation who have lived on the homestead. He is a Democrat in politics, and is active in the service of his party. He married, December 6, 1860, Ellen Fox, who was born in Schoharie county, a daughter of Charles and Catharine (Wagner) Fox, natives of Schoharie and Montgomery counties respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Wessell have two children: Clara, wife of J. Cook Van Valkenburg; and Birdilla, wife of Grant Smith. In April, 1888, Mr. Wessell lost the house erected by his great-grandfather, it having been destroyed by fire.

Young, Henry Charles, M. D., Hagaman's Mills, was born at Tarrytown August 11, 1861, and is the son of William H. and Melissa A. (Soules) Young. Mr. Young's parents were formerly of this section, his father's birthplace being Amsterdam, his mother's Broadalbin. In 1863 his parents moved to Sing Sing where they remained until 1868, when they returned to Amsterdam. They remained here about eight years,

where Henry received his primary education, and then moved to Schenectady to give him the advantage of better schools, and prepare him for entering Union College, from which he graduated July 1, 1884. In the fall of that year he entered Albany Medical College, graduating March 16, 1887. He then went to New York to take lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and attended clinics at the hospitals. July 5, 1887, Dr. Young started in practice in Hagaman's Mills, and married, September 16, 1891, Jennie E. Reddish, daughter of Mrs. John Reddish of this place.

Young, Norman, Minden, was born in Minden March 30, 1836. His great-grandfather, John Young, was a native of Germany, and settled on a farm about two miles east of Mr. Young's present residence, and which is now known as the "Dingman place." He had one son, John Christian, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in Minden, where he died February 28, 1835, aged eighty years. He was twice married, and by his first wife he had the following children: Jacob, who died in Wisconsin; Christian, who died in St. Lawrence county; Abraham, who died in Minden; David, who died in Springfield; and Nancy, who married John Eaton, and died in Fort Plain. His second wife was Margaret Shunk, and their children were: Nicholas; George, who died in Worcester; Henry, who died in Springfield; Lawrence, who died in Minden; Daniel, who died in the South; Mary, who married Nicholas Jordan, and died in Stark; and Gertrude, who married Abraham Bellinger, and died in Stark. John Christian removed to the farm now occupied by his grandson, Norman. Nicholas, father of Norman, was born in Minden December 3, 1804. He married Mary Witmire, and their four children are: Norman, Margaret, wife of John Adam Pickard of Fort Plain; Catharine, wife of George Flint of Minden; and Charlotte, wife of Nicholas Stawits of Root. Nicholas died in Minden August 16, 1884. Norman Young married Lany Hoffmail, and their children are as follows: John Edward, single, resides with his father; Alvin, died when seven years old; Willard, a farmer of Minden, married Grace Kessler and has two children, Willard, jr., and Florence; Anna, wife of William Wohlgemuth of Minden; Mary J., wife of Albert H. Eckler of Stark; Carrie, unmarried; Minnie, wife of William Crum of Minden; Arthur J., died at the age of nine years; and Nicholas D., unmarried, and resides with his father.

Yost, Daniel, Mohawk, son of Peter, was born in 1839. He was graduated from Union College in 1861, and after reading law with Carroll & Smith, he was admitted to the bar in 1864. He located in Fonda, and has practiced there ever since. He was clerk of the Surrogate's court for four years. His wife was Emily A., daughter of Eli Pierson of Johnstown. They have one child, Eli. Daniel Yost is an able lawyer, and is also a genial citizen and highly esteemed by all his extensive acquaintance.

Yost, Peter, son of Jacob, was born in Johnstown in 1802. He was a farmer, and married Sarah, daughter of Michael Moore. They had six children, three sons and three daughters, four of whom reached maturity. He died in 1850, and his wife in 1861 or 1862.

Yoran, Levi W., Palatine, was born in Amsterdam, December 27, 1854. His father was Jonas Yoran, and his grandfather was Jacob Yoran, who married Miss Pettibone, and they had eight sons and eight daughters. Jonas Yoran was born June 10, 1820,

raised on a farm and educated at the common school, being remarkably proficient in mathematics. In 1841 he married Catherine (born in Amsterdam), daughter of Michael and Sallie (Whitmore) Wert. They had sixteen children, of whom one son and five daughters survive. He was a farmer and a carpenter, and later a manufacturer of paper at St. Johnsville and Garoga. The last sixteen years of his life were spent at Rockwood, where he died January 26, 1892. His widow resides in Rockwood. Levi W. Yoran when a boy began working in a paper-mill, which he followed for fifteen years, when he was made foreman of the mill, and has held that position since. In 1882 he married Emma J., daughter of Ezekiel and Sallie (Allen) Mathews of Johnstown. Mr. Mathews died some years ago; his widow is still living at Johnstown. Levi W. and wife have one child, Mahyn, born December 7, 1887. In 1882 Levi came to Palatine and engaged in the manufacture of straw board, and has since followed that business. He employs six men, and manufactures about 175 tons a year. He is a Democrat, and belongs to the Stone Arabia Grange, No. 690.

Zoller, Jacob L., Minden, descended from the original settler, Jacob Zoller, one of four brothers, Jacob, Henry, Casper, and Andrew, and one sister. The four brothers settled near Fort Willett, in Dutchtown, the sister remaining in New York, where she married. Jacob Zoller was shot through the shoulder in the battle of Oriskany and with Andrew was taken prisoner. Andrew returned, but Jacob was never afterwards heard from. Henry, his oldest son, inherited the farm under the old English law. Jacob L. was born in Minden, where he died June 8, 1863, at the age of eighty-six years. He served in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Sackett's Harbor. He married Catharine, daughter of John Christian and Elizabeth Ehle. She was born August 30, 1782, and died October 29, 1868. Their children were John I.; Mary, born May 9, 1807, widow of Henry I. Crouse, of Mindenville; James, born April 20, 1809, resides near Ogdensburg; Jacob, born July 29, 1811, died aged seventeen years; Josiah, born September 27, 1813, built the Zoller house at Fort Plain, which he ran for a number of years, and died at Fort Plain; Henry Chauncey, born December 18, 1815, resides in Columbia, Herkimer county; Abraham, born May 6, 1818, died September 27, 1854, at Racine; Catharine, born October 25, 1821, widow of John C. Van Camp, lives at Otranto, Iowa; John L., the oldest of the family, was born in Minden, March 9, 1805, and married Eliza Sanders. They had eight children: Catharine Elizabeth, died young; Jacob, Abraham P., resides at Fort Plain; Martha, wife of Robert Smith of Hallsville; Mary, resides in Minden; Catharine, wife of Peter Miller of Lockport; Libby, died aged thirteen; Charles, married Ianthe Klock, now resides on the old homestead farm. John I. died November 15, 1891. For several years he carried on the mercantile business. He was also member of assembly from Montgomery county in 1843. Jacob, the oldest son of the above family, was born in Minden April 15, 1833. He served four terms in succession on the board of supervisors, and married Mary Jane Dygert. They have five children: John L., Maude J., Thomas J., and Abram and Zaida (twins). Mr. Zoller is engaged in the wholesale produce and provision business in Little Falls.

Zoller Family, The.—The first of this family to come to this country settled in the Mohawk Valley during the revolutionary war. They were from Switzerland. Jacob

and Andrew were in the battle of Oriskany; one was killed and the other died soon after. Henry and Casper Zoller, who were brothers, came and located in the now town of Minden. One sister married and located in New York; all trace of relationship lost. Henry married Nancy Youngs, and had the following family: Abraham; John; Gertrude, who married Charles Garlock, and died in Herkimer county; Elizabeth, married Henry Miller, and died in Minden; Katie, married George Fake, and died in Herkimer county; Mary, married Martin Duesler, and died in Root; and Nancy, married John Miller, and died in Jefferson county; Henry died December 12, 1831, aged eighty years six months and four days. Abraham, the first one mentioned above, was born in Minden in August, 1782, and married Mary, daughter of Jacob Moyer. They had ten children: Daniel, died in Minden in 1835; Nancy, married Jacob Baum, and died in Minden; Elizabeth, married Solomon Devendorf, and died in Minden; Mary, widow of Jeremiah Walrath, resides in St. Johnsville; Catharine, widow of Isaac Walrath, lives in Fayette county, Iowa; John A., is a resident of Fort Plain, and is connected with the Zoller Lumber Company; Abraham, for over twenty years was connected with the United States treasury department at Washington, and is at present in Europe; Henry; Nancy, wife of James Kelly, lives in Herkimer county; and Caroline, wife of Henry Moyer, lives in Fayette county, Iowa. Henry, the youngest son of the family, was born in Minden, July 13, 1827; his education was obtained at the local schools and Little Falls Academy. His father was a farmer, and until 1857 he was engaged in farming. Disposing of his farm in that year, he went to Omaha, and for five years carried on a grocery and pork-packing business. In 1862 he drove thirty head of cattle west over the plains, and finally located at Bannock City, in what is now Montana, where he engaged in mining. He remained in this locality two years, when he returned to Fort Plain, and the year after returned to Montana with a stock of general merchandise. This time he remained sixteen months, and returned east to Albany, where, until 1884, he was engaged in the fruit and vegetable business. In the latter year he became a resident of Fort Plain, and since that time has been interested in the lumber business. He is a Republican in politics. His first wife was Julia, daughter of Daniel Groff, by whom he had two children: Seward H., who is engaged in building railroads in Cuba; and Eva May, who died in Fort Plain. Mr. Zoller married for his second wife Margaret, daughter of Daniel Groff. John, son of Henry, was born in Minden January 15, 1790, married Peggy Keller March 26, 1815; they settled on the homestead and continued farming. John died in 1862, and his wife in 1876. They had six children: Isaac, born August 25, 1816, married Mary A. Hall, and died in 1858; Anna, born September 6, 1824, married Peter Moyer, and died in 1856; Caty, born April 12, 1822, married Jacob Snyder; Eliza, born March 16, 1824, married John G. Bauder; Solomon, born September 1, 1827, married Catharine Diefendorf; Helen, born July 14, 1836, married Peter B. Moyer. Solomon is now occupying the old homestead and also the Abram Zoller farm. He is a Democrat and held the office of supervisor a number of years. He had two sons: Isaac and John. John died in his ninth year; Isaac married Cora A. Dunckel and has one child, John D., which is the fifth generation on the same farm.

Wetterau, Henry, Canajoharie, was born in Germany November 2, 1834, and is a son of Lawrence and Mary Wetterau. Henry came to this country in 1854, and

located first in Brooklyn, where he remained but a year and then came to this county, first to Sprakers, where he remained a short time, then removing to Canajoharie. In 1858 he bought the first part of his present farm, ten acres, to which he has added until now he has upward of sixty acres, which comprises a fine farm, and which he carries on with great success. He has raised hops for about eighteen years on a moderate scale, but is now extending that branch of farming, having in all nearly fifteen acres of one of the finest yards in this section of the country, and by his industry he has well earned the reputation of being a model farmer. August 4, 1859, he married Hannah Greavy, who came to this country from Germany in 1856. They have had four children: Carrie, wife of V. J. Allen of Johnstown; Henry C., engaged in mercantile business in New York; Frederick G., a stenographer, who is now studying for the bar at the University of the City of New York; and Elizabeth, wife of Abram Yost of Johnstown. Mr. Wetterau is an ardent Republican, having voted for every Republican candidate from Abraham Lincoln down to the present time. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church at Canajoharie.

Vedder, John D., Glen, is the only son of David and Ann (Schuyler) Vedder, and was born January 21, 1863. David, the father, was also born in Glen, and is one of six children of John and Elizabeth (Ostrom) Vedder of that town, the others being John O., Nancy, Maria, all living; and Abigail and Elizabeth, deceased. John Vedder, the grandfather, was born in this county as was also his wife. Their ancestors were natives of New Jersey, who afterwards moved to Albany county, and still later to this town. Ann (Schuyler) Vedder, the mother of John D., was one of five children of John D. and Margaret Ann (Van Horne) Schuyler; the others being: Daniel, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Van Horne; Hannah, widow of Milton Hewett; Antoinette, wife of Cornelius Van Horne. His great-grandfather was Daniel Schuyler of Florida.

Van Horne, Abram, Glen, was born on the old Van Horne homestead in the town of Glen November 22, 1829. He was one of nine children of Cornelius and Hannah (Van Horne) Van Horne. Cornelius C., his father, was also born on the homestead January 15, 1794, his wife Hannah being a native of Florida, where she was born July 4, 1796. Cornelius Van Horne, his grandfather, was born at White House, N. J., May 18, 1745. When twenty-one years of age he emigrated to Montgomery county, and settled in Glen, marrying Eva Frederick of Florida. The Van Horne ancestry is traced without a break, back to the year 1634, and among many facts of interest is the record of the marriage of Cornelius J. Van Horne to Anna Maria Jans, daughter of Anneke Jans of New York, the ceremony taking place October 4, 1659. Abram Van Horne was married to Anna Newkirk January 1, 1856. They had four children: Edgar, married Henrietta De Forest and second Kizze Shelp; Catherine (Mrs. Myron Overbaugh); Amy (Mrs. Edwin Leach); and Seeley Van Horne.

Saltsman, Ward Beecher, Minden, was born in Palatine December 5, 1868, and is the youngest son in a family of three children of Jacob I. and Julia N. (Gray) Saltsman. His early education was obtained at the district schools, and he also attended the Brockport State Normal School, the Clinton Liberal Institute, and Eastman's Busi-

ness College of Poughkeepsie. After leaving school he taught for sixty-one weeks in Palatine. He studied medicine with Dr. H. H. Streeter of Canajoharie and Dr. F. V. Brownell of Schenectady. He entered the Albany Medical School in 1888 and graduated in 1891, and the same year he commenced the practice of his profession at Fort Plain. He is a Republican in politics. He married Emma, daughter of G. C. Kelsey of Fort Plain, and they have one child, Madge Kelsey, born June 25, 1892.

Tomlinson, George M., residence first house west of N. Y. C. depot, Fort Johnson, was born in Antwerp, Van Buren county, Mich., June 24, 1841, and is a son of Franklin and Elizabeth A. (Markle) Tomlinson. George's early life was spent in Michigan, where he was educated. His father was a millwright and carpenter, of whom George learned the millwright's trade. He came to this State in 1860 and settled in Buffalo, where he plied a steam tug until January 4, 1864, when he enlisted in the Second Veteran Cavalry. His regiment was first sent to New Orleans, where they saw service on the renowned Red River expedition, doing cavalry duty under General Canby and General Emery. He was mustered out of service July 27, 1865, under general orders. He has been twice married; his first wife was Almina Wood of Saratoga county, married September 22, 1862, and died March 4, 1867. His second son was Julia E. Pettit, a niece of William Pettit of Wellston. He was conductor of the Lehigh Valley local freight two years, 1872-73; also kept hotel at Pittston, Pa., two years, 1874-75; and the St. John's hotel in Ithaca two years, 1876-77. Then he went to Minneapolis and worked about a year in the Pettit & Robinson mill where the famous Christian Brothers' superlative flour is made. In 1879 he was brakeman on freight trains on the western division of the N. Y. C. and remained until the spring of 1882. During the summer of 1882 he worked as a carpenter in Amsterdam and in the fall of 1882 was again brakeman on freight on the N. Y. C., eastern division. On September 2, 1883, he laid the foundation for the Tomlinson house at Fort Johnson, on which he built a fine house. He conducted this place until 1887, when he leased it, and has leased it ever since. In 1883 he was appointed yard-master at Amsterdam for the New York Central Railroad Company. This position he held until 1886, and in 1889 he was appointed station-master at Fort Johnson, which position he still retains.

Striker, Mrs. Sarah M., Mohawk, Tribes Hill p. o., is a daughter of Alvin and Lavina (Fonda) Harris, and wife of John H. Striker, who died September 7, 1861. John H. Striker was a son of James Striker who was born at "Strikers Bay," in the upper part of the city of New York and on the banks of the Hudson, where he always lived, and he died there December 16, 1831, in his seventy-seventh year. He was the only son of Garret Striker, who was born in Kings county May 20, 1726, and died September 17, 1775. This is one of the oldest families in the history of our country. The first of the name, Jans Strycker, came to this country in 1652 from Holland and located in New York. John H. Striker was born September 29, 1795, was married to Sarah Harris June 27, 1838; the same year he bought a farm of 130 acres at Tribes Hill, and lived there the rest of his life. He was a very devout Christian, and had been an elder of the Reformed church in Bloomingdale for many years. He was one of the first promoters of the establishing of the Presbyterian church at Tribes Hill. A meeting was called in the school-house June 5, 1841, and the Presbyterian society was organized as

a church, with Robert L. Chapman, James Putnam, Fisher Putnam, Harvey D. Briggs, John H. Striker and Aaron W. Hull as trustees. On July 29, 1841, those interested in this good work resolved to build a church, with Franklin Foster, Aaron W. Hull, James Putnam and Harvey D. Briggs as building committee. The church was erected the same year on land given by John H. Striker, our subject. The first pastor was Rev. Asa F. Clark. The pastors since were the Rev. Mr. McCord, Rev. E. R. Atwater, Rev. W. J. Blaine, Rev. Mr. Shepard and the present pastor is the Rev. Washington Frothingham. Mr. and Mrs. Striker have been the parents of nine children, six are now living: Mary A., now Mrs. Duane S. Everson of New York; John R., a merchant of Amsterdam; James; Alvin H.; Charles E.; and Mima S., who live at the old home.\*

Olmsted, Ruloff, Root, was born in Root July 20, 1816, and is a son of Erastus and Jane (Conover) Olmsted. The grandfather, Ambrose, was a farmer in Connecticut, of English descent, and reared four sons and six daughters. One of the sons, Erastus, father of Ruloff, was born in Hartford county, Conn., in 1766, and served in the last year of the revolution. He was a farmer, and about 1800 settled in Root, where he died in 1852. His wife died at the age of about ninety-six. He was a leading Mason, a Democrat, and reared a family of ten children: James, John, Ambrose, Abijah, Albert, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ruloff, Martha A., and Sarah J. Of these four are living—one daughter and three sons. Ruloff was reared on the farm, and lived with his father until the age of twenty-seven, when he married, June 12, 1842, Alida Van Husen, who was born in Root, a daughter of Albert and Susan (McMaster) Van Husen, natives of Montgomery county. Mr. Olmsted lived at Flat Creek after his marriage, running a saw-mill for four years. He then moved to Currtown, and in 1852 he bought 180 acres, where he now resides. He has served as collector, and is a Democrat in politics. They have had nine children: Albert, Alice, wife of Harvey Seeley; Mary, wife of Marvin Vanderveer; Susan, now Mrs. Lyker; John J., Emma, now Mrs. W. T. Miller; J. Seymour; Sarah, and Minnie, now Mrs. Frank Voorhees.

Smith, Benjamin, Canajoharie, was born in 1824 in Charleston, and was a son of Adam Smith. The latter was a son of George Smith, who came to this country from Scotland in 1782 with his wife and two children. The early life of Benjamin Smith was spent in this county, and when about seventeen years of age he engaged with Elias Stilwell as clerk in his general store at Fort Plain. In 1848 Mr. Stilwell started a branch in Canajoharie with Mr. Smith as a partner, who was given full charge of the business, which was then conducted under the firm of Smith & Company. In 1857

\* Mrs. Striker possesses some very rare relics of the olden times, among which is the large copper tea kettle which belonged to her grandfather, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Fonda of the Tryon county regiment, who fought under General Herkimer at Oriskany. When the tories and Indians, led by Sir John Johnson, made their bloody raid through the Mohawk valley, they burned the Fonda homestead and carried Lieutenant-Colonel Fonda prisoner to Canada. The family took refuge in the woods, but made their way to Schenectady. One of the tories stole this tea kettle which he filled with butter and hid near the Cayadutta, expecting to return that way and take it home. They, however, took a different trail to Canada and the kettle was eventually found and restored to its owner.

the firm was dissolved by Mr. Stilwell retiring and Adam Smith joining it, making the firm B. & A. Smith. This firm commenced, in 1800, with James Arkell, the business of making flour sacks, which is continued to the present time under the firm of Arkell & Smith, and which had in 1805 reached such an immense extent that Mr. Smith gave up the store and devoted all his time to it. He was one of the most accomplished and successful business men of the present day, and was always distinguished for integrity and fair dealing. In December, 1884, he died and Canajoharie lost one of its most honored citizens. He left at his death, besides his wife, five children: William N. (of Arkell & Smiths' factory); Mrs. Charles G. Pettit, and Edward S., also of Canajoharie; Dr. J. L. Smith of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. J. E. C. Pedder of the same place. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Rev. W. N. Scholl, formerly pastor of the English Lutheran church of Canajoharie, and a clergyman deeply beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Salisbury, Henry K., Amsterdam, was born in Seward, Schoharie county, on the 31st of July, 1834, and graduated from the Carlisle Academy. His father (the late J. H. Salisbury) was a lawyer of more than usual ability, and had few equals before a jury. He was also a member of the legislature in 1848, representing Schoharie county. He married Eliza M., daughter of Charles F. and Catharine Wagner Fox of Argusville. They had five children, one son and four daughters: Ella, who married David Maxwell of Charleston; Carrie, married Watson P. Harvey of this city; Charles F., who is associated with his father in the Erie Knitting Mills, under the firm of H. K. Salisbury & Son; Margurette, who married E. B. Noble of Albany; and Minnie Kate, who married John E. Willoughby, city editor of the Amsterdam *Daily Democrat*. Mr. Salisbury's father was born in Carlisle in July, 1807. He married Margaret Quackenboss. They had five sons and one daughter: Ann M., died at the age of six; Washington, Henry K., Julius C., Warren F., and John H., jr. Mr. Salisbury's great-grandfather, Joseph, was in the revolutionary war. They are among the earliest settlers of Schoharie county.

Noonen, William C., Amsterdam, was born in the house where he now lives in the town of Amsterdam, January 20, 1860, a son of Michael and Mary A. (Clark) Noonen. Michael Noonen was a son of Thompson and Katharine (Hough) Noonen. The name of Hough is one of the oldest in the valley, as they came hither before the revolution, and Katharine was a daughter of John George and Charlotta (Leffler) Hough. John George was born on February 15, 1740, and died September 20, 1813. His wife was born October 25, 1748, and died May 13, 1809. Katharine was born February 16, 1772, and married in June, 1792. She died August 3, 1851. Thompson Noonen died July 10, 1830. He was the father of ten children. Michael, one of the number, was born November 11, 1802, and married Mary A. (Clark) (Kline) Noonen, March 30, 1859. They were the parents of two children: John M., born December 27, 1861, died January 18, 1885, and William C., our subject. The latter was educated in the Johnstown and Amsterdam academies, with full course in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College Institute at Buffalo. After leaving school in 1881, he became book-keeper for S. Baker of Buffalo for about a year and a half, then engaged with the Farmers' National Bank of Amsterdam, continuing for about three and a half years. From there he

went to Thomas & Pettengill's hosiery mill, and after a short time joined as partner with T. Peck in the manufacture of brooms, following this business till the fall of 1889. During this time he visited Omaha to improve some property there of which he is the owner. He now makes his home on the old homestead, a grain and hay farm of ninety-seven acres, about as good a farm as can be found in northern Amsterdam.

Lipe, Ephraim, hay broker, was born July 14, 1837, and is a son of Adam I. Lipe, a native of the town of Root, who was born June 28, 1794, and died on his seventieth birthday. He was the son of John Lipe, a German, who settled on the farm before the revolution, and was killed by a running horse while attempting to cross the road very near our subject's residence. Ephraim Lipe was born and brought up on this farm. His mother was Catharine Rickard, of German ancestry and of revolutionary fame. He married at Canajoharie, February 23, 1860, Eliza A. Wood, a daughter of Abram Wood, a commission merchant and farmer, who belongs to one of the oldest families of the county. He lived on the farm until 1884 when he moved to the village of Speakers, and from there in 1890 to Canajoharie. He is in the wholesale hay trade, and has for the last twenty-five years done the largest business in that line in the Mohawk valley, the firm being E. & W. H. Lipe. Mr. and Mrs. Lipe have six children, three sons and three daughters: Walter H. is the oldest; the next, Marie E., who is the wife of W. E. Tompkins of Tarrytown; then Fred W., who is also connected with the firm; Walter H. and Raymond P. are connected with the Imperial Packing Company of Canajoharie, a stock company doing a large business. The two younger are Bertha Virginia and Jennie Lawson. Mr. Lipe is a staunch Republican, and always looking out for the interests of his country.

Borst, Henry V., Amsterdam, was born at Cobleskill in July, 1853; his father died when he was eleven years old and he was immediately thrown upon his own resources; he started to teach school, working on a farm during vacations; he educated himself at the Cobleskill Free School, Brockport Normal College, and Cornell University. After leaving Cornell he studied law with Judge Lamont at Cobleskill for one year and then entered the law office of James C. Dewey, then of Albany, where he continued his law studies, at the same time taking a course in the Albany Law School. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1877, and in a few days graduated from the Albany Law School, being one of the four speakers at the commencement exercises. In January, 1878, he located in Fort Plain and formed a co-partnership with D. C. Shults. Mr. Borst was elected district attorney of Montgomery county in 1883 by about 700 majority. In January, 1888, he was appointed by Governor Hill county judge of the same county, and was nominated by his party for that office in the fall of the same year but was defeated by seventy-five majority, although 600 ahead of his ticket. On his appointment to the office of county judge he removed to Amsterdam and formed a law partnership with Judge Westbrook. The firm still continues and enjoys a large practice. Judge Borst has always been a Democrat, and in every campaign since he was twenty years old his services have been in demand as a public speaker on the stump and on other occasions.

Bailey, James B., Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born in Connecticut October 27, 1833, a son of William and Catherine (Blake) Bailey. In 1838 he came with his par-

ents to Fulton county, where they lived but two years, when they came to Tribes Hill where Mr. Bailey has since resided. He was educated in Greenville Academy, under Professor Hand and finished under Professor Bannister at Johnstown Academy. After leaving the academy in 1853 he taught school for about ten years; during this time he married Mary Schuyler, January 19, 1859, a daughter of Winslow and Elizabeth Schuyler. They have lost two children, and Mrs. Bailey died February 15, 1884. In April, 1866, Mr. Bailey went into the mercantile business in his present location, in partnership with H. T. Hull, whose father, Dr. A. W. Hull, had conducted the store for many years. He bought his partner's interest in 1868 and conducted the business alone until 1887, when he was joined by W. H. Johnson as a partner. The post-office is located in their store, and has been for over twenty-five years. Mr. Bailey was married to Julia H., youngest daughter of Franklin Van Husen of this town, September 8, 1885, who died October 21, 1889. Mr. Bailey has never been interested in politics; his highest ambition is to be an honest, upright citizen. He is highly gifted as a vocalist and organist and his services in the Tribes Hall Church are fully appreciated. The firm of Bailey & Johnson is the only general supply store in Tribes Hill.

Burtch, A. H., Mohawk, son of John and Hannah (Hall) Burtch, was born in Saratoga county on the 4th of February, 1835. In 1844 his father removed to Fonda, where he resided until his death. A. H. Burtch was educated at the common schools. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1856 he was appointed deputy postmaster; in 1860 he was made clerk of the Surrogate's Court, which position he filled for two years. In 1862 he was elected county clerk, serving six years. He has been in the mercantile trade for four years. June 1, 1887, he was again appointed clerk of the Surrogate's Court. Mr. Burtch is a Republican, and has served his party as a member of the county committee since 1867, being chairman of the same since 1886. He is a member of Fulton Lodge F. and A. M., and of the Holy Cross Commandery of Gloversville. On January 1, 1858, he married Charlotte A. Horton, who has borne him six children. Frank F., son of A. H. Burtch, was born March 5, 1862; he attended the public schools of Fonda and the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie. At the close of his schooling he worked several years in a sash and blind factory, and in 1885 formed a partnership with his father under the firm name of A. H. Burtch & Son. In 1886 John M. Marcellus purchased the interest of A. H. Burtch and the firm Burtch & Marcellus continued business until April 1, 1887, when it was changed to the Stone Store Shoe Co. In 1890 Frank F. Burtch was appointed postmaster of Fonda. He was superintendent of the water works for three years. In October, 1880, he was married to Cora L. Phillips of Fort Plain. He is a past sachem of the Caughnawaga Tribe of Red Men and a member of Royal Aranum, No. 1405, and Fultonville Lodge F. & A. M.

Casler, George B., Minden, was born in Minden, August 7, 1864, and is the second son in a family of five children of Jeremiah and Amelia (Pickard) Casler. His father was a farmer, and his education was limited to the district schools. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits until March 20, 1888, and he then became a clerk in the insurance office of A. Cary, and on May 1, 1890, became a partner. The firm was dissolved on account of the death of Mr. Cary in 1891, and the business is now carried on by Mr.

Casler. This was the first insurance agency to be established in Fort Plain, and was started December 4, 1840. Every class of insurance can be obtained at this office, and Mr. Casler is the representative of the following companies: Connecticut Mutual Life, and Travelers Life and Accident; the Aetna, Phoenix, and Connecticut Fire of Hartford; Franklin Fire of Philadelphia; Springfield Marine & Fire of Springfield; Home Fire of New York, besides the following foreign fire insurance companies: Lancaster of Manchester, England; British Mercantile of Liverpool, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland; and the Caledonia of Edinburgh. Mr. Casler is a Democrat in politics.

Cary, Alfred, Minden, was born at Litchfield, Herkimer county, March 31, 1812, and was the second son in a family of six children of William and Lydia (Trask) Cary. After attending the local schools he became a student at the Cedarville High School. At the age of eighteen he went to Utica, where he learned the trade of mason. After his apprenticeship he went to Canajoharie, where he remained a few months, and in 1833 came to Fort Plain, and from that time till 1840 was engaged in building. In the latter year he opened an agency for fire insurance, with which he was connected until his death, January 17, 1891. He was a Republican in politics, and was postmaster in Fort Plain during President Lincoln's first administration. He married, December 19, 1838, Zilpha L., daughter of Timothy and Zilpha Snow of Litchfield.

Crane, Frank E., Amsterdam, was born at Elizabeth, N. J., on the 4th of April, 1861, and was prepared for college at Schenectady Classical Institute. He entered college then, where he took the regular course, including civil engineering, graduating in 1885. On the 1st of April, 1890, he was appointed city engineer of Amsterdam. Mr. Crane's father, Martin, was born in New Jersey and married Julia A. Harris of his native state. They had two children, a daughter Sarah E., and Frank E., who was married October 20, 1892, to Emma W. Myers of Amsterdam. His mother and sister reside with him in this city.

Devendorf, Dewitt A., Florida, was born in Florida May 2, 1863. He was one of eight children of Dr. Henry A. and Rachel (Pettingill) Devendorf. When about seventeen years of age he became interested with his father in the manufacture of brooms on the farm. In 1887 he went into the business on a larger scale, built a factory with modern improvements, having a capacity of 110 dozens brooms per day. The increase of the business is such that a new building is now being erected, which, when completed, will more than double the capacity of the enterprise. Mr. Devendorf was married September 28, 1887, to Agnes B. Hudson, one of three children of Boyd R. and Emma (Van Buren) Hudson of Glen. She died February 14, 1891, leaving two children, Henry Hudson and Dewitt Boyd Devendorf. The residence of Mr. Devendorf is the historic "Queen Anne's Chapel parsonage," of revolutionary note, and which was built in 1711, and is the oldest house in the county.

Diefendorf, Yates, Root, was born August 29, 1847, a son of Cornelius and Catharine (Yates) Diefendorf. The latter were natives of Root, Cornelius having been born in 1820. He died in 1880, and his wife survives him at the age of sixty-three. She is a member of the Reformed Church. Cornelius was a Democrat, as was also his father Henry I. Yates received his education at Fairfield Seminary, and has always followed

agricultural pursuits. They own 227 acres of land, comprising the homestead of his grandfather. He married, in 1874, Helena, daughter of William H. and Lavina Sprong of Sharon. Mr. and Mrs. Diefendorf have two children, Carrie and Earl. They are members of the Reformed Church, their membership dating back fifteen years. Mr. Diefendorf is interested in another farm besides the one on which he resides, and also in the Flat Creek Cheese Factory.

Dahlen, Daniel, Palatine, was born in Germany, March 29, 1832, came to America and settled in Nelliston. He married first, Elizabeth Swartz, and they had one daughter, now Mrs. Beck of Nelliston; he married second, December 10, 1868, Rosena, daughter of John and Barbara (Walrath) Shellhorn of Germany (parents of two daughters and one son). Mr. Dahlen and wife had six children; Daniel G. (deceased), William F., Frank (deceased), Nellie M., Harry J., and Daniel. Mr. Dahlen was a mason and built most of the brick blocks in Canajoharie and Fort Plain. He was president of Nelliston three years. He and his family were members of the Lutheran church at Fort Plain. He died September 2, 1885.

Ehle, Henry E., Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie on the farm now owned by Norman Countryman, September 27, 1822, and is a son of Daniel and Magdalene (Cornue) Ehle. Harmanus Ehle, great-grandfather of Henry E., came from Germany previous to 1760; of this there is no doubt, as Harmanus, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this country in 1762. He had five brothers: Jacob, father of Abram Ehle; Anthony, twin brother of Harmanus; Michael, John, William, and Peter, and three sisters. Harmanus the second was born in this town in 1762 and he and his twin brother Anthony were in the war of the revolution. They were musicians, and would change off; while one was playing the other would fight. Harmanus married when about twenty-eight years old, Betsey, daughter of Daniel and Sally (Wessels) Cornue of Canajoharie. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: Herman, Daniel, John, Sally, Eliza, and Maria. Daniel, the second son and father of Henry E., was born March 8, 1795. He served a short time in the war of 1812, and at the age of about twenty-two married Magdalene, daughter of Peter and Jane (Quenaw) Cornue, and they had nine children, eight of whom survive: Eliza, wife of Luke C. Walrath of Palatine; Elisha of Gloversville; Maria, widow of the late John J. Walrath of Minden; Jane Ann of Mapletown; Marcus, a mechanic of Marshalltown, Iowa; Sarah of Canajoharie; Abram B. of Des Moines; and Henry E., our subject. When Henry E. was in his eighth year his father bought the farm on which the former now lives, and where he resided since the purchase. He was educated in the common schools, and married, July 21, 1851, Almira, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Sailor) Failing. They had five children: Daniel, who conducts the homestead farm; Herman H., a produce dealer of Gloversville; Maggie, who lives at home; Eliza, wife of Charles Empie of Sharon Centre; Ardella, wife of John C. Gove of Rural Grove. Daniel Ehle was born on the old homestead, December 1, 1852. He was educated at Port Lighton and in select schools, after leaving which he taught school winters for fourteen years. October 29, 1879, he married Gertie, daughter of John and Nancy (Green) Rice of Palatine, and they have three children: Mertie, born February 20, 1882; Virgil, born February 2, 1884; Ledro, born June 13, 1886. Mr. Ehle has a fine farm of 100 acres.

Edwards, Frank, Glen, was born in Glen March 7, 1857, he being one of nine children of William H. and Eleanor (Mount) Edwards of Glen. The others were John, William H., M. Mount, Stephen O., Seeber, Anna M., wife of Fletcher Van Wie; Elizabeth and Eleanor. William H., the father, was born in 1817 and was one of seven children of John and Ann (Van Schaick) Edwards. The father of John was William, who was born in Wales. His wife, Christina, was of German descent. William H. Edwards had two brothers, John V. B. and Thomas, and four sisters, Anna Maria, wife of Stephen Ostrom; Margaret, Antoinette, wife of James Barbite; and Jane, wife of Newton Van Derveer. Eleanor Mount, his wife, was one of six children of Matthias and —(Van Vechten) Mount of Glen, the others being Benjamin, Jane, wife of Henry Snook; Rebecca, wife of Garrett Lansing; Kate, wife of William Seeber; and Margaret, wife of C. Yates Seeber. Frank Edwards married, November 12, 1884, Hannah Van Horne, one of three children of Schuyler and Elizabeth (Shelp) Van Horne of Glen, the others being Cornelius, and Alice, wife of William H. Voorhees (see sketch of Schuyler and Van Horne). They have two children, Elizabeth and Irene.

Ehle, Abram, Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now lives, September 27, 1799, a son of Jacob and Jennie (Van Evera) Ehle. His grandfather was a native of Germany and came to this country about 1745, locating near Canajoharie, where he bought the farm now occupied by Charles King. He was a widower and married Elizabeth Miller just before starting for this country. They had seven children: Peter, captain of a boat on the Mohawk during the revolution; Anthony and Herman (twins), the former a captain of State militia; John, who died a middle aged man, leaving one son, Herman I., who was the leading merchant of Canajoharie for many years; Lena, Nancy, and Jacob, the father of Abram. Jacob was the youngest son and was born in 1765 near Canajoharie. He acted as sentry in Fort Ehle during the revolution, and married at the age of about thirty, Jennie, daughter of Rynier Van Evera of Canajoharie. They had five children: Ellinor, Elizabeth, John, Maria, and Abram. Mrs. Jennie Ehle died in 1805, and Jacob married second, Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin Higgins of Canajoharie in 1810. They had four children, of whom but one lived to adult age, Fannie Arndt of Milwaukee. Abram, our subject, has always made his home on this farm, which his father sold to him about 1850. He was educated in the common schools, and on October 20, 1840, married Esther, daughter of John Reed of Exeter, Otsego county. Three children have been born to them: Alonzo W., a marble dealer of Canajoharie; Louise Clark (deceased), who had one son, Devere of Illinois; and Cadie Smith, who married William J. Ball of Illinois. Mr. Ehle is one of the oldest men in this town, and a representative of the earliest settlers in the county. He was been a member of the Reformed church at Mapletown for over sixty years. Charles A. Ehle was born in Root November 12, 1864, a son of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Hibbard) Ehle. He has always lived in this town. He was educated in the graded schools at Canajoharie, and January 28, 1885, married Della, daughter of Henry S. and Henrietta (Mallette) Smith of Sharon, Schoharie county. In 1882 Mr. Ehle took charge of the homestead farm, which he bought in 1891. It contains 190 acres.

Finehout, Edgar D., Minden, was born in Minden May 16, 1851. His grandfather, Aaron Finehout, was born in Minden and died in Canajoharie. He married Catharine

Keller, and their children were: Henry, Peter, James, Aaron, John, Margaret, who married Solomon Norton; Daniel, and Kate, who married Elisha Dorr. Of this family the only survivors are: Henry, who resides at St. Paul, Minn.; John, a merchant at Canajoharie; Margaret, widow of Louis Russell, who lives at Liverpool. Aaron, the father of Edgar D., was born in Minden October 17, 1824. He married Catharine M., daughter of George and Mary Lintner. They had a family of seven children, viz: Edgar D., who married Estella, daughter of Truman Wikoff, and who reside on the old homestead farm, on the Cherry Valley turnpike; Arthur, died unmarried, aged twenty-six years; Anna, married Willard White, and died in Canajoharie; Mary, wife of William R. Lewis of Cherry Valley; Frank, who married Lizzie Van Camp of Fort Plain, and who died aged thirty-one years; Cora, wife of Frank Winnie of Cherry Valley; and Kittie, wife of George Fox of Canajoharie. Aaron was always engaged in farming, and was a Democrat in politics. He died in Minden April 24, 1877.

Failing, Henry, Canajoharie, was born just west of Canajoharie June 18, 1799, and died September 9, 1892. He was a son of Captam John and Maria (Timmerman) Failing. At the time of the exodus of the Palatines from England, a member of the family of Failing was one of the emigrants. This was the great-grandfather of Henry. His son, Henry Failing, was a soldier in the battle of Oriskany. He married Catharine Wagner, and they were the parents of five children: John, Joseph, Warner, Peter and Elizabeth. John, the oldest son, was born about the time of the revolution, and married Maria Timmerman of Dutchtown. They had ten children: Henry, Nancy, Julia, Benjamin, Abram, Elijah, Polly, Sally, Margaret and Elizabeth. John was a soldier, a captain of a company in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Sackets Harbor. Henry Failing, grandfather of the subject, was one of the earliest settlers in this town and located on the river road on the present Wagner farm, and when Henry was about six years old his father bought a farm at Frey's Bush where he lived, and died in 1845. Henry married in June, 1823, Margaret Sailor, who was born August 13, 1799, and they had four children: Almira, wife of Henry Ehle of Canajoharie; Adam, a farmer of Illinois; Norman, who died November 12, 1891, aged sixty-three years; Harman, who died in infancy. Mrs. Margaret Failing died December 3, 1835, and Mr. Failing married, second, Sally Sailor, a sister of his first wife. They had one child, Alvin, a printer of Canajoharie. Sally died in 1840. He married for his third wife, Eliza, daughter of Jacob Seeber of Minden, and they had three children: Harvey S., who conducts the homestead farm; Nora, wife of John W. Ressique of Canajoharie; and Jacob H., who died in infancy. Eliza Seeber Failing died January 23, 1882, in her eighty-fourth year. In 1847 Mr. Failing bought the farm which his son now conducts. Harvey S. Failing was born March 11, 1849, on this farm. He was educated in the Canajoharie Academy, and married, October 16, 1872, Frances C., daughter of Oran and Eliza (Showerman) Goble of Baldwinsville, and they have five children: Alice, Lizzie, Nora, Howard and Henry (twins). Mr. Failing is one of the active members of Mapletown Grange No. 613, and has held the office of steward in that order.

Ferguson, John, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam April 6, 1839; he was educated in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years he began to learn the blacksmith's trade. At the end of his apprenticeship he bought the shop and has

since conducted the business alone. The increase of the property has doubled several times in the period of thirty-seven years. He married, March 16, 1861, Marietta, second daughter of Tulie and Anna Cooley of Amsterdam; they have one daughter, Anna Belle, who resides in Troy. Mrs. Ferguson died March 17, 1878. May 6, 1880, he married Mary L., daughter of John and Sarah (Daly) Serviss of Florida. Mr. Ferguson's father, John P., was born in Scotland and came with his parents to the United States when he was six years old; he married Eliza Van Wormer, and had six children, five sons and one daughter: William, John J., Wallace, Alman, Mary E. and Marcus; his father went to California in 1849, and was never heard from again; his mother died in August, 1867. Mr. Ferguson is a member of Bronson Steamer Company No. 2, is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, Chuctenunda Lodge No. 100, and Amsterdam Lodge No. 134 of I. O. O. F.

Farmer, Thomas J., Palatine, was born in Brooklyn July 24, 1840. His father was Joseph S. Farmer; his grandfather was Thomas Farmer; and his great-grandfather was also Thomas, who, with three brothers, came from England and settled near New Brunswick, N. J. Thomas, the grandfather, married Rachel Still; they had three sons and two daughters and both died at New Brunswick. Joseph S. Farmer was born in New Brunswick, received a common school education, and was a clerk and a sailor. He married Margaret Suydam and had four daughters and three sons. In 1849 he went to California, returned to New York and engaged in the commission business. He next went to Illinois and followed farming for a time; returned to Rockwood, and finally settled in Johnstown, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying, however, in New Brunswick while on a visit in February, 1889. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow. His wife now lives in Johnstown aged seventy-five years. Thomas J. Farmer was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn. From the age of fourteen he has followed a mercantile career in various places, both as clerk and proprietor. He married February 15, 1872, Minerva (Peeler) Swan, widow of Hiram Swan. Mrs. Farmer was born September 29, 1844. Her father was Elijah Peeler, born May 15, 1819, married Helen M. Washbyrn, January 5, 1843, had three sons and four daughters, and died August 17, 1884. His widow resides in Nelliston. Her grandfather was Jeremiah Peeler, who married Maria Thumb, by whom he had four sons and four daughters; he died in 1873, and she in 1860. Thomas J. Farmer and wife have the following children: Gertrude, Helen M., Thomas J., Hazel. He is a member of Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 66, K. of P. His wife is a Good Templar and a member of the W. C. R. of Fort Plain. Mr. Farmer has been president and a trustee of the village.

Fisher, Frederick, Mohawk, is the son of John and the grandson of Frederick. The latter came to this country from Germany and first settled near Schenectady, and afterwards two miles south of Fonda, on the farm now owned by H. H. De Graff. John was born in 1792 on the old farm. He married Barbara Gross. In 1816 or 1817 he settled on the farm now owned by his son Frederick, and spent his life there. He died January 1, 1858. His wife died six years earlier. They had five children, of whom Frederick is the only survivor. He was born December 20, 1813, and married Sarah A. Buxton. They have had six children, of whom only Sarah and Newman J. sur-

vive. Frederick has been assessor twice, commissioner of highways three terms, and in the spring of 1882 was elected justice of the peace. His wife died March 27, 1881.

Greeley, William, Minden, was born in Sprakers, town of Root, April 22, 1864, and is the youngest son of Patrick and Mary (Rooney) Greeley. His education was obtained in the district schools, and his father was a farmer till 1872, when he removed to Sprakers. In 1884 he came to Fort Plain and engaged in the restaurant business, and since May 1, 1889, has been sole proprietor of the European Hotel and Restaurant. In politics Mr. Greeley is Democratic. He is an active member of the K. of P., and is captain of Bauder Division No. 22 of Fort Plain. He is also a member of Otsquago Lodge No. 507 I. O. O. F., Gyantwaka Tribe No. 170 of the Improved Order of Red Men. He married Luemma, daughter of Sidney Smith of Minden, and they have two children, Nellie and Evelyn.

Gordon, Winne, Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now resides in Canajoharie, August 26, 1864, and is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Hanson) Gordon. The grandfather of our subject, David Gordon, was born near this place in 1780 and has always made his home in this section. His first wife was Mary Cox, and they had seven children: Phenix, Alvin, Alexander, Lysander, Mary A., Evangeline, and Emiletta. Alexander, the third son, was born May 30, 1820, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-six years he married Margaret Hanson, and they had three children: Austin, a cabinet-maker in Johnstown; Alice, wife of Elmer Morrell of Ames; and Winne. The latter has always lived on the farm on which he now resides. He was educated in the Ames Union Free School and at the age of eighteen he began farming on this place, which he has since followed. April 1, 1891, he bought the farm where he now lives, which was known as the old Gordon farm.

Garlock, Euclid, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie on the farm now occupied by George Retallick, April 21, 1844, and is the son of Elijah and Nancy (Smith) Garlock. George, grandfather of our subject, was the father of five children: Benjamin, Leonard, Elijah, Margaret, and Lucy. Elijah, the father of Euclid, is the only one of three sons living. He was born in 1818, and when quite young married Nancy, daughter of Herman Smith of Canajoharie, and they were the parents of seven sons, five of whom survive: Leonard, a farmer of Kansas; Harmon, a mechanic of Canajoharie; Simeon, a physician of St. Louis, Mo.; Valentine O., a mechanic of Fort Plain; and Euclid. The early life of the latter was spent in this town. He was educated in the common schools and assisted his father on the farm until about twenty-two years of age, when he went to Kansas, staying there but little over a year, when he returned and conducted a farm in Canajoharie. November 28, 1872, he married Minerva, daughter of Luther and Mary M. (Collyer) Van Wie of Canajoharie, and they have three children: Edith M., Perlia E., and Bert E. In 1873 Mr. Garlock moved into the town of Palatine where he conducted a farm for three years, and then bought his present residence and farm of ninety-seven acres, which he devotes mainly to hay and grain. Mr. Garlock has held offices of trust in the town, and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Mapletown.

Garlock, Elijah, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie, about four miles south of the village, December 27, 1809, a son of George and Elizabeth (Garlock) Garlock. As far

back as we can trace, which is to the grandfather of our subject, the family have always been residents of this town. George, the father of Elijah, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and served at Sackets Harbor and also one of the contractors of the Erie canal. Elijah was one of a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are dead except Elijah, whose whole life has been spent in this town. He was educated in the common schools and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage in 1833; he married Nancy Smith, daughter of Harmanus Smith of the town of Mohawk, by whom he had seven sons: William, who died in Canajoharie; George D., who was a soldier in the rebellion and died in Kansas in 1883; Leonard of Kansas; Herman of Canajoharie; Simeon, a physician of St. Louis; Euclid, a farmer of Canajoharie; and V. Oscar of Fort Plain. After Elijah was married his father gave him a farm of 100 acres and he conducted it until 1870 when he moved in the village and has ever since occupied his present residence. Mrs. Garlock died in 1850 and Elijah married Rebecca Visscher, a daughter of Daniel and Hester (Conyne) Visscher of Tribes Hill, by whom he has had two daughters: Anna, wife of William Bellinger of Canajoharie, and Hester Elizabeth, who lives at home. Mr. Garlock is a staunch supporter of the Democrat ticket, has held the office of commissioner of highways of the town and is one of the leading citizens of this place.

Briggs Family, The.—Elisha Briggs was born in New Bedford, Mass., June 22, 1787. He married Deborah Weir, and removed to Johnstown, and settled there about 1810. He had four children: Eliza, Nancy, Almira, and John W. His wife died February 24, 1820, and he married second, Sarah Babcock of Chatham, Columbia county, by whom he had seven children: Garrett E., Thomas R., William Avery, Charles E., Mary E., Daniel C., and Delavan. Elisha died August 30, 1864, and his wife, Sarah, April 13, 1874. He was overseer of the poor eight years, and was a large farmer, owning over 1,000 acres of land at the time of his death, which was considered to be worth \$100,000. He was a Whig in politics, and later a Republican and a strong protectionist. Delavan Briggs was born October 18, 1828. In 1851 he married Almira Dockstader, daughter of John Dockstader, and a year later he settled on the farm where he has since resided, comprising 128 acres. In 1864 he was elected assessor, and has been engaged in the butcher business. He has six children: W. S., Phebe, Henry, John, Edward and Carrie.

Briggs, William S., son of Delavan, was born October 23, 1853, in this town, and graduated at Clinton College in 1871. In 1872 he opened a drug store in Fonda, which he has carried on since. He also had a drug store in Meriden, Conn., for six years. In 1887 he organized the Fonda mill of which he was treasurer. In May, 1891, the business was changed to Shanahan, Briggs & Company. September 5, 1877, he married Jessie, daughter of Sidney Smith, and they have three children: Marcia C., Cornie A., and Gilbert S.

House, William C., Minden, was born in Oppenheim, November 4, 1850. His father removed to Minden when he was sixteen years of age since which time he has been a resident of that town. He has been engaged in farming, and since 1887 has carried on the egg business, shipping to eastern markets. He married Mary E., daughter of the late William L. Walrath. They have one adopted daughter, Tessie.

Hill, Squire, Canajoharie, was born on the farm on which he now lives, at the north end of it, on the old Hill homestead, December 14, 1852. He is a son of Bradford A. and Pamelia (Reed) Hill. Bradford was a son of Squire and Dorothy (Walker) Hill and a brother of Gifford A. Hill. He was born on the homestead farm near Waterville, January 1, 1820, and at about the age of twenty-seven he married Pameha Reed, living for about three years after on the farm; he then bought the farm now occupied by Squire, consisting of seventy-seven acres, to which he made additions until he owned over 200 acres. He had three children: Sarah E., wife of J. Alfred Gordon of Argusville; Mary V., wife of Henry Fitzgerald of Rexford's Flats, and Squire. The whole life of the latter has been spent on the farm. His father died in 1874, leaving the farm to him. He was educated in Adams University, and October 3, 1877 married Eunice, daughter of J. J. and Aurelia (Eliot) Tucker of Otsego county. They have four children: Virgie M., born April 13, 1880; Florence G., born April 12, 1882; Pamelia, born June 9, 1884; and Bradford W., born February 26, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are active in church works, and are members, he of the Methodist and his wife of the Baptist church. He is a Republican.

Ingersoll, Alexander, Glen, one of four children of John and Leah (Liddle) Ingersoll, was born on the homestead June 1, 1864, the others being John L., Nettie, widow of Nelson D. Vedder (and their children Leland N., Earl I. and Zerah Vedder); and Katie Ingersoll. John, the father, was born in Charleston and was one in a family of eleven children: George, James, William, Margaret, wife of Nelson Momford; Mary, wife of Jacob Lord; Sarah, wife of John Mereniss; Martha, Mrs. Charles Miller; Christie, Annie, and Nancy (who died early). Leah J. Liddle, the mother, was born in Duanesburg and was one of ten children, the others being Alexander F., who is now deceased; Robert J., J. Augustus, Edward T., Mary, Elizabeth, wife of William J. McClure; Margaret, and Sarah, wife of William L. Avery. The father of John was James Ingersoll, and his father (James also) was a native of Connecticut, and his wife, Janet McClumphia, was born in Duanesburg, of Scotch descent. Leah J., mother of Alexander, was a daughter of Alexander Liddle, jr., his wife being Catharine Allen. His father was Alexander Liddle, sr., who was born in Scotland, and came to this country with his father, Robert Liddle, when seven years of age. His wife was Mary Gifford of Duanesburg.

Jones Brothers, Frederick and Augustus, were both born in Canajoharie, Frederick August 14, 1844, Augustus December 13, 1847, and are sons of Charles and Charlotte (Wellock) Jones. Charles Jones was born in Hanover, Germany in 1817, and came to this country when a young man and married Charlotte Wellock, also from Germany, in 1840. They were the parents of five children, only three are now living: Mrs. W. F. Cook, and our subjects. The latter have always made their home in this town; they were educated in the public schools and their first business venture was made in 1868, when they bought a canal boat and tried canalizing. Their experience in this was a varied and interesting one. Starting with very small capital they were many times almost discouraged, but they worked hard and finally succeeded. This was their introduction in the coal business. They bought coal in New York and delivered it here, finding a ready sale in the winter. In 1865 they met a severe reverse, the water in the

river rising and being full of ice it carried away their residence, and completely destroyed their property. They then bought a place at the corner of Main and Mohawk streets, and invested in real estate, which proved profitable, and in 1865 they rebuilt their house, which was taken by the West Shore Railroad Company in 1882. In 1887 they gave up the real estate business, giving their whole attention to the coal trade, which has increased and they are now doing a large business. October 1, 1885, Frederick married Henrietta Schrader and their union has been blessed by four children: Ward Augustus, born December 23, 1886; Fred Willock, born April 27, 1889; and Hilda Sophia and Herbert Schrader (twins), born January 31, 1892. When we consider the hard work they have had all their lives it is certainly not surprising that they have become one of the leading firms of this place. Their father died when Augustus was but eleven years old, and from that date they have been pulling against the stream. He left them a debt on the land he purchased adjoining their home; often have they paid this, but through some flaw in the papers, part of it was taken from them. They have both held office in their village, but their ambition is to be known as honest, upright business men.

Johnston, William N., Palatine, was born in Palatine Bridge in 1844. His father was George G. Johnston; his grandfather, George W. Johnston; his great-grandfather, George Johnston, a native of Inverness, Scotland, born in 1740, and who came to Stratford, Conn., in 1760, where he remained until his death in 1790; he had two children, George W. and Emily. George W. was born in 1770; in 1792 he married Nancy Wright, a niece of Governor Silas Wright, of New York; they had five sons and one daughter. He died in Glenville in 1840. George G. was born in Stratford in 1794; he served an apprenticeship in an iron foundry that existed until his death in 1872. He was married three times; first to Gertrude Van Slyke, who bore him two sons and two daughters; second to Mary A. Ruby of Albany, by whom he had two sons and one daughter; third, to Atlanta Boutelle Allen, in 1884, who bore him three sons and four daughters. Atlanta Allen was a daughter of William Allen of Towns-end, Vt., who, with his father, served in the revolutionary war. William N. Johnston attended the common school and also a preparatory course in the Canajoharie Academy. He enlisted, November 8, 1861, in the 102d N. Y. Volunteers, was promoted to first lieutenant, to captain, to assistant inspector general of the brigade, and at the close of the war was breveted major for gallant and meritorious conduct in the field. He served with his regiment in the Shenandoah campaign and the army of the Potomac in the east, and with the army of the Cumberland in the west. After his return from the war he attended Beloit College for about two years, then began the study of law, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar. He practiced law until 1876, when he was elected county clerk and re-elected in 1879. After serving six years as county clerk he was appointed at different times to responsible positions under the state administration. In 1888 he engaged in the stone business under the firm of Johnston & Shaper, which was afterwards merged in the Mohawk Valley Stone Company, of which company Mr. Johnston is now president. In 1872 he married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Ann Eliza (Gauley) Dolsen of New York. They have five children: George Albert and William Allen, students of Union College; Harry Ferris, Agnes Atlanta

and Edwin Granville. Mr. Johnston has always been an active Democrat. He is now serving his third term as supervisor of the town.

Kavanaugh, John, Amsterdam, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, March 22, 1851, and came with his parents to Amsterdam when six months old; he was educated in the public schools and worked for a time in Stephen Sanford & Sons' carpet mills. At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of Thomas Morphy as clerk in a boot and shoe store, and was with two successive employers; he bought out the shoe business of McElwain & Dodge, and later on sold out to his cousin, Miles Cooling. He afterwards manufactured brooms for two years, then became associated with his father in the grocery and coal trade, and upon the death of his father he assumed full control of the business for himself and heirs. May 16, 1876, he married Josephine McDewitt of Greene county. Mr. Kavanaugh's father (Miles) was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, about 1818, and married Mary Ann Swan of his native place, and came to the United States in the fall of 1851; he located in Amsterdam; they had three children, two sons and one daughter: Mathew (died at the age of twenty-two years), John, and Essie. Mr. Kavanaugh is a member of the Olympus club, one of the trustees of the Amsterdam Savings bank and of Amsterdam City Hospital, also of St. Mary's Cemetery, is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, was one of the trustees of the village of Amsterdam, and was town clerk of the town of Amsterdam. His father died November 16, 1889.

Kellogg, Rebecca L., Amsterdam, was born on the farm of her present residence in the town of Amsterdam, November 26, 1828, and is a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Lepper) Lepper. The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Lepper, came from Germany. He located first at Stone Arabia, and afterward came to the farm on the West Turnpike, where Jacob Lepper now lives. He was the father of ten children, of which Joseph was the sixth. He was born January 26, 1789, and was married to Rebecca Fairchild November 7, 1812, by whom he was the father of six children, when she died June 24, 1826. His second wife, and mother of our subject, was Hannah Lepper, whom he married May 10, 1827, and they were the parents of six children. Of these twelve children six are now living. Rebecca is the second youngest. When Joseph was a young man he bought this farm of 156 acres where Rebecca was born and has always lived. March 3, 1885, she was married to Ashley L. Kellogg of Chicago. Mr. Kellogg has been in the mercantile business in that city, but is now the manager of this fine farm, which is devoted to the raising of hay and dairy products. The grandmother of our subject told many tales of pioneer life in this country. She was once taken prisoner by a party of Indians, who came up behind her as she was gathering fruit, and with her babe was carried to Canada, where she was kept thirteen months, the Indians offering her part of the time horse flesh to eat. At the end of that time she was exchanged with other prisoners. Mrs. Kellogg is engaged in church work, and always takes an interest in every good work.

Lipe, Seeber, Minden.—The Lipe family is of German descent, and John Lipe had an only son (David), born in Minden, May 4, 1770, and married Elizabeth Seeber, who was born May 29, 1779. He died May 4, 1855, and his wife April 21, 1858. They

had a family of eight children, all of whom were born in Minden and died in that town, excepting the younger two. They were Elizabeth, born June 26, 1799, who married Charles Walrath; Abraham, born September 3, 1801; William, born June 14, 1807; John Frederick, born August 10, 1809; David W., born March 13, 1813; Harriet, born April 28, 1815, who married Nathan Lipe; Seeber, born August 26, 1818, who married Catherine Bonner, and resides in Fort Plain; and Almira, born March 5, 1822, widow of William Kongher of Fort Plain.

Loucks, Conrad K., Palatine, was born in Palatine, July 15, 1821. His father was Henry J. Loucks, and his grandfather Jacob Loucks, a native of Palatine, who was in the revolutionary war, after which he settled at Stone Arabia. He married a Miss Cook, and had a family of two sons and four daughters. Henry J. Loucks was born in Palatine June 30, 1791, raised on a farm, was in the war of 1812, married Catherine, daughter of Conrad Kilts, had two daughters and one son, and died in Palatine in 1865, and his wife in 1864. They were farmers and members of the Reformed Church. Conrad K. Loucks was raised on a farm, attended the common school, and married Lavina M., daughter of John Patten of Palatine. Nine children were born to them as follows: John H., Caroline, Joel, David C., Lansing P., Elizabeth, Albert, Laura (deceased), and Mary A. (deceased). Mr. Loucks has always followed farming.

Lentz, Conrad, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., was born in Germany December 25, 1812. He married Elizabeth Regal and has ten children, six sons and four daughters. In 1854 he came to America and settled at Stone Arabia, where he engaged in farming. His wife died in 1888, and he now resides in Fonda. His son William was born March 31, 1851, and came to this country with his father at the age of three years. At the age of seventeen he went to Fort Plain to learn the trade of blacksmith with Stichel & Ganset, and after eighteen months spent there he returned to Fonda and entered the shop of George F. Putman, where he remained over fourteen years. In 1882 he commenced work for himself, and has been in the same shop since. He married Julia Swift and has had six children, four of whom survive. They are as follows: William H., Mary Ellen, Jennie, Emma, Frank and Charlie, the latter two deceased.

Lyker, John V., Root, was born December 22, 1843, where he now resides at Lyker's, a son of Henry and Jane (Davis) Lyker. The grandfather, Henry (son of Henry who came from Germany in 1833), settled in New York state. He was an early pioneer of Schenectady county, and later came to Root, where he engaged in farming. He also operated a grist-mill and distillery. He served as major-general in the war of 1812, and was justice for about forty years. He married Miss Meliack and reared two sons and six daughters. His wife died in 1842, and he died in 1850. His son Henry was born in Schenectady county in 1797, and came to Root with his father. He was a contractor for six years in the building of the reservoir in New York. He served in the war of 1812 as captain, and also had a distillery. He reared a family of six children: Cornelius H., Charles, Catherine, Louisa, John V., and Emma (deceased). The father died in 1872, and the mother in 1883, aged seventy-four years. Both were members of the Reformed church. John V. was reared on the farm and received a district school education. At twenty-five he began for himself on the farm where he now lives. He is

a breeder of Holstein cattle. He has served two years as overseer of the poor, has been postmaster ten years at Lyker's, and is now serving his sixth year as highway commissioner. He is a Democrat. May 2, 1874, he married Sosan, daughter of Ruloff and Lydia (Van Husen) Olmstead. They have six children: Laura, Henry, Arthur, Harma, Emma, and Alida.

Mansfield, Thomas W., Amsterdam, was born in West Troy January 21, 1850. He was educated in the public schools and was for several years a cartridge maker in Watervliet Arsenal. He came to Amsterdam in 1870 and for eight years worked in the confectionery business, when he started in business for himself manufacturing all kinds of confectionery, a business he still continues. July 23, 1872, he married Pricilla F., oldest daughter of Samuel F. and Catherine Stewart of Newtonville. Mr. Mansfield is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84 F. & A. M., of which he is now senior warden; also member of Amsterdam Chapter No. 81 R. A. M.; also member of St. George's Commandery No. 37 K. T. of Schenectady; also of DeWitt Clinton Council R. & S.; also of the Consistory thirty-second degree, and of the Mystic Shrine of Troy, and is also one of the vestrymen of St. Ann's Episcopal church. The ancestry of the family is English.

Myers & Parker, broom and brush manufacturers. This enterprise was established in the city of Amsterdam in 1827 by George W. Bronson, it being the first broom industry founded in the valley. James H. Bronson succeeded his father in the business, and in 1855 William P. Myers (who had been engaged in the grocery business since 1874) became a partner, and in 1890 William H. Parker succeeded Mr. Bronson. In that year the plant was removed to Fultonville, a new and elegant factory being built, the main building being of brick three stories in height, and 120 feet in length by fifty feet deep. This building embodied all the modern improvements and among them the first electric light in use in any broom factory. Among the auxiliary buildings is an iron storehouse forty by eighty feet and one thirty by one hundred. The capacity of the factory is an output of 500 dozen goods per day. William P. Myers was born in the city of Brooklyn April 5, 1855. He was married December 29, 1886, to Minnie A. Van Evera, one of two children of Horace and Margaret (Abel) Van Evera of Fultonville. William H. Parker was born in Dutchess county January 23, 1865. He was married June 25, 1891, to Grace Adelaide Wemple, one of three children of Edward and Frances A. (Groat) Wemple of Fultonville.

Mabee, Abram, Glen, was born in Glen October 20, 1840, one of four children of Harmanus and Maria (Newkirk) Mabee; the others being Peter H., Mary E., wife of Benjamin Faulkner; Eleanor, wife of John K. Van Horne. Harmanus, the father, had one brother, Henry Mabee. His father was Peter H., also born in Glen. The remote ancestor of the Mabee family was Jan Pieterse Mabie, who came to Schenectady in 1684. He married Anna, daughter of Pieter Jacobse Borsboom, one of the original proprietors of Schenectady. In the year 1697 Rode, called by the Christians Dirk, a Mohawk sachem, with the consent of the other Mohawks, granted a piece of ground containing eighty acres, lying on both sides of Schoharie creek, commonly known as Kudarodae (or Candaughrity, as it is now written) to Jan Pieterse Mabie, on consider-

ation that his wife "is something related to the Mohawk castle." This land is said to be still in the possession of the Mabee descendants. Abram Mabee married, September 9, 1874, Anna Schuyler, daughter of George S. and Clarissa (Van Schayek) Schuyler of Glen, she being one of six children.

Murphy, Thomas, Canajoharie, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, December 3, 1812, a son of John and Kate (Kilbronan) Murphy. Thomas married at the age of twenty-eight Mary Prunkett, daughter of Oliver Prunkett. In 1851 Mr. Murphy brought his family to this country, locating first in New York, where he remained but a short time, then coming to this town, where, in 1863 he bought his present farm of 168 acres. He has quite a large hop yard, and during the busy season employs twenty workers. He has had eight children of whom six survive: Mary, wife of Patrick M'Kough of Glen; Frank, a farmer of Otsego county; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Kearns who conducts the homestead farm; John, who went to California in 1872 and became a miner; James H., a butcher of Amsterdam; and Kate, wife of John Carney of Amsterdam. Mr. Murphy has made a success of farming.

MacGregor, Alexander, Amsterdam, was born on the old MacGregor homestead in the town of Florida September 15, 1809, where he resided and followed the occupation of a farmer until 1886, when he moved to the city of Amsterdam and retired from active pursuits. His father, Duncan MacGregor, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country when a young man. Shortly after his arrival he married Ann, daughter of Call MacGregor, and they had four sons: Daniel, Alexander, John and Robert. March 3, 1836, the subject of this sketch married Deborah Smith of the town of Perth. They had two daughters, Helen A., who died at the age of thirteen, and Martha Ann, who married John B. Thompson of the town of Florida. They have two children living: Herbert and Alexander; two dead, Howard and Jessie. June 28, 1855, Mr. MacGregor married Rebecca, only daughter of Jacob G. and Margaret Putman of the town of Glen. By this union Mr. MacGregor has three children, two daughters and one son: Frances, the first daughter, who married Lewis A. Casler of the town of Florida, has one daughter, Maude, and a son, Arthur L.; Margaretta, the second daughter, married Jacob McClospha of the town of Florida, and they have a daughter living, Majorie, and lost one son, Earl A., at the age of three years; John Alexander, the only son, is a member of the firm of MacGregor & Schuyler, merchants of the city of Amsterdam. Mr. MacGregor had two uncles who lost their lives in the war of 1812. The ancestry of the family is Scotch on both sides. The present Mrs. MacGregor is a granddaughter of Captain Garret Putman of revolutionary fame, and is Holland Dutch descent.

Nellis Family, The.—The great historian of the Reformation, John Fox, writes as follows: "In the meantime the Protestants of Heidelberg (a city in the province of the Palatinate) sank into poverty, and many of them became so distressed, as to quit their native country, and seek an asylum in Protestant States. A great number of these coming into England in the time of Queen Anne, were cordially received here, and met with a most humane assistance, both by public and private donations." Three thousand of these refugees embarked at Leith, Scotland, in ten ships, early in 1710,

bound for America. Seven of these ships arrived here safely, having buried 470 of their number at sea. They landed at Governor's island, June 13, 1710. Among them were three brothers, William, Christian and Johannes Nellis. They first settled on a tract in Dutchess county, but in 1712 with other Palatines, they hewed a road across the Catskills, and came to Schoharie river. Afterwards Johannes Nellis went to Pennsylvania, and settled in the vicinity of Gettysburg, and in 1720 William and Christian settled in the Mohawk valley near Palatine church. On the 19th of October, 1723, William and twenty-six other Palatines procured a patent of 12,000 acres, designated the Stone Arabia patent. Afterwards he and George Klock procured a smaller tract, known as the Klock and Nellis patent. William Nellis had five sons: Andrew, Ludwig, Henry, Johannes and William, jr. On the 30th of December, 1768, a pledge or agreement was made and subscription list started for the erection of a church edifice for the "Lutheran congregation of Canajoharie on the north side of the Mohawk river." "The bowmasters or managers of this church building, till finished conveniently, according to the majority of our votes: Peter Waggoner, Andrew Reber and Christian Nellis, jun." The deed for the land upon which the church was to be erected was dated "the second day of January in the ninth year of His Majesty's reign, King George the Third, &c., Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, between Hendrick W. Nellis of Canajoharie in the county of Albany, &c., province of New York, yeoman, of the one part, and the church wardens of the Lutheran congregation of the same place on the north side of the Mohawk river of the other part, witnesseth, that the said Hendrick W. Nellis, for and in consideration of a particular love and affection to the said congregation, and for the establishment and maintainance of said Lutheran church, hath given, granted, aliened, infeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents," etc. Then follows a description of the lot, which fronts eighty feet on the highway and is sixty-four feet deep, being a parallelogram. A stone church was erected and completed on the 18th day of August, 1770. The total cost was £620. On this subscription list appear the names of William Nellis, jr., Andrew Nellis, Johannes Nellis, Henry Nellis, Christian Nellis, David Nellis, each of whom paid £60. "And William Nellis, the father of William, Andrew, Johannes and Henry Nellis, paid for the making of the spire, &c., to the steeple of said church." Several of the Nellis family held offices of profit and trust under the English crown. Hendrick W. Nellis's son Henry and his son Robert went to Canada and joined the British army at the commencement of the revolutionary war, consequently their land was confiscated. William Nellis, jr., had five sons: Johannes, Peter I., Joseph, William and John I. John I. was born in 1769, and died in 1849. He was the grandfather of Peter F. Nellis of St. Johns, who has in his possession many of the documents connected with the early history of this country, of the Nellis family and of the Palatine stone church. Joseph was born in Palatine (at that time Canajoharie) April 17, 1759, and died February 24, 1834. He married Mary Lantman and they were the parents of two children: Joseph I., born in the town of St. Johns, May 23, 1787, and died September 21, 1862; and Mary, born in 1792, who died at the age of thirteen. Joseph I. served as an officer in the war of 1812-15. He married when eighteen years of age, Magdelen, daughter of David Bellinger of St. Johns, and they were the parents of eight children: Charles, Benjamin J., Josiah, Cath-

arine, Aaron, Stephen, Abraham, and Horatio. The elder three are dead. Horatio, the youngest son and father of Jacob H., was born in St. Johnsville February 25, 1827, was educated in the common schools, and married, January 9, 1849, Catharine, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Keller) Sanders of Minden. They had four children, two of whom are living: Jacob H., and Arthur C., a merchant seedsman of Staten Island. In March, 1849, Horatio Nellis moved into the town of Canajoharie, where he bought the old Walrath homestead, a fine farm of 120 acres. Here Jacob H. was born, April 2, 1850, and he has always lived in this town. He was educated in the Canajoharie Academy and Fairfield Seminary, and married, November 11, 1873, Estella, daughter of David Quackenbush of Root. She lived less than a year, leaving an infant that survived her but a few days. February 21, 1883, he married, second, Ella D., youngest daughter of Colonel Stephen Ostrom of Glen, and they have three children: Clara L., born March 15, 1885; Margaret A., born February 9, 1887; and Joseph I., born January 1, 1882. In 1877 Mr. Nellis established the manufacture of bee-keeper's supplies, and also conducted a lumber yard, being forced out of the business in 1883 by the West Shore Railroad company. Horatio Nellis was supervisor of the town in 1871, and has held the office of assessor and town auditor. Jacob H. was commissioner of highways of the town in 1883. The family are staunch Democrats, and are members of the Lutheran church.

Nellis, Frazier, Palatine, was born in St. Johnsville April 21, 1858. His father was Edward F. Nellis; his grandfather, David Nellis; his great-grandfather, John I. Nellis, whose father came to Palatine at an early day. John I. was born near Palatine church and lived and died there; he had two sons and three daughters. David Nellis was born in Palatine and married a daughter of Peter and Catherine Fox, who raised a family of three sons and one daughter; he was farmer, and the family were Lutherans; he died in 1860, and his wife a few years before. Edward F. Nellis was born in Palatine in 1830, raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools; his wife was Nancy, daughter of Henry Saltsman; they had two sons and a daughter. Mr. Nellis was a farmer and a Democrat, and the family were Lutherans; he died June 6, 1884, and his widow resides with Frazier. The latter was raised on a farm and educated at the common school. In 1890 he married Katie, daughter of John Heimer of Oppenheim; they have one child, Myra. Mr. Nellis is a Democrat and has been assessor for three years.

Nellis, Edward I., Palatine, was born in Palatine April 9, 1844, and is son of Jacob W. Nellis, a native of Palatine, who married, May 4, 1833, Annie E. Crosby, born August 14, 1814, who bore him four sons and three daughters, Edward I. being the youngest. Mr. Nellis and family were Lutherans; he died in 1879, and his wife is still living. Edward I. Nellis was educated at the public schools, supplemented by several terms at Fort Plain Academy. He has always followed farming. In 1881 he married Grace, daughter of George and Emma Brooker of Palatine (parents of one son and three daughters); Mrs. Brooker died April 22, 1890. Edward I. Nellis and wife have three children: Clyde E., Jay J., and Harry A. Mr. Nellis has been town clerk, and is a member of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433, F. and A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Universalist church.

Ottman, Ezra G., Root, son of Christopher and Lydia (Hutton) Ottman, was born January 23, 1860, where he now resides. His education was obtained in the district schools and Eastman's business college. He follows farming. His grandfather, Henry Ottman, was a son of Christopher, who was stolen while herding stock and forced into the English army, and brought to America and compelled to fight against the colonists. At the close of the revolution he settled in Lyker's Corners. He married a daughter of Squire Lyker, by whom he had one daughter. He married, second, a Miss Sharp, who bore him two sons and one daughter. He died at Brown's Hollow. Henry, his son, was born at Lyker's in 1786 where he died in 1856. He married Katie Alpaugh, by whom he had six sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Christopher, father of our subject, was born near Lyker's April 18, 1816, and in 1851 located where Ezra J. now resides. Of his eleven children nine survive: Henry W., Sarah, Catharine A., Hattie, Lottie, Lorena, Jasper C., Ezra G., Mary, and two who died in infancy. The mother was born in Sharon, and is a daughter of George and Sarah (Wyckoff) Hutton, natives of Glen, and the parents of four sons and three daughters.

Perkins, John W., Amsterdam, was born in Poughkeepsie on the 9th of August, 1839, and came with his parents to Amsterdam via the Erie canal, which at that time was a common mode of transportation. He was educated in the public schools and early in life learned the moulder's trade. About the year 1865 he began business on his own account and in 1884 formed a partnership with Edward L. Schmidt under the firm of Perkins Foundry Company. He has been married twice, first in 1862 to Elizabeth S. Parantau of this city. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. Edward J., Clara, Clarence, William and Elizabeth. Mrs. Perkins died in the year 1870. In the year 1873 he married Dora M. Booth of this city. Mr. Perkins's father, William, was born in 1802 in Lubenham, Leicestershire, England. He married Jane Wright and came to the United States in 1835. They had nine children, seven of whom are living; Ann, Emma E., Thomas, John W., Joseph, Joshua and Hattie M.

Post, James, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., a native of New Jersey, came to this country when a young man and settled in Glen on the Cadority Flats, where he built a tannery which he conducted for many years; he was also a farmer. He was twice married, and had five children by his first wife and three by his second. Abram Post, son of James, was born in Glen. He married Anna E. Haslett of Florida, and had two children: W. H. and Mary C. He was a farmer and held the office of assessor, and was a faithful supporter of the church. W. Haslett was born November 17, 1835, in Mohawk, and has always lived there. He is a farmer and owns 140 acres. He married Annie E. Brower, and has three children: Abram W., Gertrude G., and Mary C. His second wife was Anna M. Gardinier. Mr. Post has a fine residence at Tribes Hill railway station which he has recently remodeled in a very thorough manner. His farm is beautifully situated and he is always ready to welcome his friends in the most hospitable manner.

Smith, Isaac Eugene, St. Johnsville, was born July 24, 1814, in Minden, being the eldest son of Samuel F. and Maria (Cox) Smith, and was reared on the farm. He received a district school education with a course at the Seminary and Eastman's Busi-

ness College, from which he graduated in the spring of 1862. In July of that year he entered the army, enlisting in Company B, 115th Regiment New York State Volunteers. At the organization of this company he was made second sergeant. His first service was at Harper's Ferry, where, after a few days' skirmishing and fighting, on the 15th of September, 1862, his regiment, with some 10,000 other troops, surrendered to Stonewall Jackson. They were immediately paroled and started for Washington, but arriving at Annapolis were ordered to Chicago as paroled prisoners of war. In November following, an exchange of prisoners having been effected, they were ordered back to Washington and from there to the department of the South, being stationed at Hilton Head. He participated in the battle of Olustee, February 20, 1864, where he received a serious gun shot wound and lay in hospital three months, rejoining his regiment before the wound had healed. At Bermuda Hundreds, the 10th Corps, to which his regiment belonged, having been ordered to form part of the army of the James, and participated in all the engagements of his regiment during the campaign around Petersburg and Richmond, of which the most important battles were Bermuda Hundreds, Deep Bottom, Cold Harbor, Chapin's Farm, Darby Town Road, Fort Gilmer near Richmond, Mine Explosion near Petersburg, and Assault and Capture of Fort Fisher. He was commissioned second lieutenant on May 18, 1863; first lieutenant and captain May 18, 1865. He served on the staff of Colonel Barton and General Pennypacker, commander 2d brigade 2d division 10th corps, first as aidecamp and then as acting assistant adjutant-general, serving in the latter capacity from September 18, 1864 until the disbandment of the brigade in September 18, 1865, at Raleigh. On the muster out of the 115th regiment, in June, 1865, he was transferred to the 47th New York Veteran regiment, and was among the last of the volunteer troops to be mustered out of service, receiving his final discharge at Hart's Island. Returning home he resumed farming for a couple of years and then engaged in the drug business in St. Johnsville, which he conducted until 1880, when he sold out and accepted a position as cashier in the freight department of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. at Schenectady, resigning this position in the winter of 1883 to accept one as assistant paymaster with the North River Construction Company, engaged in building the West Shore railroad. On completion of the road he obtained a position with the Wagner Palace Car Company as conductor, in which service he is still engaged, and has recently been granted a patent on a ticket—known as the Smith system of coupon tickets for drawing room and sleeping cars. He was elected town clerk of St. Johnsville in 1872-73-74, and supervisor in 1875 on the Republican ticket. He was married, February 12, 1867, to Elizabeth Reed Kingsbury, daughter of William and Charlotte (Armitage) Kingsbury of St. Johnsville, formerly of Marblehead, Mass., and London, England, respectively. Our subject and wife had four children: Sarah H., who died October, 1884, aged sixteen; Charlotte K., wife of John B. Snell; William K., who died in infancy; and Julius Frederick; his wife died April 23, 1887; she was born in St. Johnsville July 17, 1846. The grandfather, Isaac, was born near Morristown, N. J., October 6, 1775, and moved with his father (Asher Smith) to Vermont in March, 1797. He married Polly Tichenor of Bridgeport, Vt., who bore him four sons and two daughters. He moved from Vermont in the year 1800 and bought a home in what was then the wild region of western New York, set-

tling in Mentz, Cayuga county. A few years after he moved to Camillus, and in 1812 was elected member of assembly; soon after he moved back to Cayuga county and was elected member of assembly for that county. He died at his home in Seneca Falls, where he had lived some years, March 1, 1854. His son, Samuel P., was born in Mentz September 15, 1802. When quite a young man, his health being impaired, was advised by his physician to go south and went to Baltimore, remaining there for a while, and preferring something to do he applied to a company building a railroad from Baltimore to Frederick City, and was given a position as foreman; later on he was made paymaster, and remained with the company until the road was put in operation, when at the earnest solicitations of his father he returned home to take charge of his milling business. In 1837 he married Maria, daughter of Eleazer and Nancy Cox of Minden, and engaged in farming, which he conducted until within a couple of years of his death, when he surrendered the management of it to his son, William C. He had held the office of assessor of his town for several years and for two terms that of justice of the peace. He had nine children, six sons and three daughters. He died at his home on the farm December 29, 1881, being in his eightieth year. His wife, four sons and one daughter survive him, named respectively, Isaac E., Julius E., William C. and Gertrude E., wife of James E. Place.

St. John, Lewis M., Canajoharie, was born on the 9th of March, 1836, on the farm, where he now lives. He is a son of Sylvanus and Chloe (Stark) St. John; the former a native of New Canaan, Conn. Mathew St. John, the great-great-grandfather of Lewis M., was the founder of the family in America, and was a farmer or yeoman. About 1680 he came, it is believed, from England and settled in Norwalk, colony of Connecticut. He had four sons. Mark, the second son and the next in line, had seven sons, three of whom were killed at Queenstown Heights. The only authentic knowledge the family have of Mark is that he was, in 1765, a collector of taxes in the colony of Massachusetts for the king of England, and died about 1770. John St. John, the grandfather, settled at Waterville in 1800 and built the grist and saw-mills there. In the war of 1812 he was captain and died about 1814 of fever contracted in the army. Our subject's father was reared at Waterville and succeeded to the business of his father. In 1822 he sold all his interest there and came to the farm where he reared his family; he died at the age of seventy there. The paternal grandmother of Lewis was a Drake, tradition says, a direct descendant of Sir Francis Drake, and a daughter of Rev. Aaron Drake, a Baptist preacher; she died at the age of eighty-five. Mr. St. John was educated at Ames and at Fort Plain Seminary. He has continued on the farm all his life except for eight years spent at East St. Louis in the real estate business. He is a Republican, as was his father, who was a strong anti-slavery advocate. In August, 1871, he married Lydia A. Jackson, born January 1, 1852, at Erie, Pa., daughter of Nathan P. Jackson of Rochester. On her father's side she traces her ancestry back to General Israel Putnam of revolutionary fame. Mr. and Mrs. St. John have three sons: Clyde L., born November 13, 1871; Lewis S., born February 13, 1874; and Harry A., born November 29, 1888. Mr. St. John and his wife are members of the M. E. church of Canajoharie.

Schuyler, Frederick, Root, was born in Root June 29, 1846, he being one of six children of George S. and Clarissa (Van Schaick) Schuyler of Glen. The others were: Sarah, Mrs. Reuben Devendorf; Mary Antoinette, Mrs. A. Pruyn; Jacob; Anna, wife of Abram Mabee; and Henry W. Schuyler. His grandfather, Jacob, was born in the town of Florida, his wife being Mary Serviss. George S., the father, was one of six children, as was also his wife, Clarissa. Frederick Schuyler married, November 26, 1877, Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Burns) Fisher of Fultonville, she being one of five children, the others being Jennie, wife of Seymour Wemple; Lizzie; Hattie, wife of Charles Quackenbush; and Charles. Her grandfather was Charles Fisher of Glen. They have one daughter, Clara May. Mr. Schuyler has resided in Glen for the past thirty-eight years.

Smith, Joseph, Minden, was born in Minden July 17, 1817, and is the second son of a family of four children of Abraham and Margaret (Klock) Smith. When our subject was four years of age his father removed to St. Johnsville, and his early education was obtained at the district schools of that town. At the age of thirteen he came to live with his uncle, Henry H. Smith, in Minden. His uncle was a farmer living about five miles west of Fort Plain, on the River road. In 1867 Mr. Smith came to Fort Plain to reside, and since that time has discontinued active business. He was one of the first stockholders of the St. Johnsville National Bank, became a director in 1867, and for the last ten years has been president. A Republican in politics, he has never been an aspirant for political honors. Mr. Smith married first, Nancy, daughter of John Adam Snell. Of the two children, one died in infancy, and the other, Alfred Alonzo, became a member of the 115th New York Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Olustee. He married second, Celia, daughter of John Adam Snell, by whom he had five children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Charles, who died at Denver, aged twenty-four years; Frank F., a resident of Richmond, Ind.; and Herbert, died in Minden, aged twenty-two years; and Lillian.

Steingraves, Orlando, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie about two miles south of the village, May 14, 1839, and is a son of Augustus and Elizabeth (Craft) Steingraves. Augustus, his father, was one of the earliest settlers of the town, coming from Hanover, Germany, when twenty-five years old. He located in this town on his arrival and found plenty of occupation as a carpenter in the new country. His wife, Elizabeth Craft, was born in Germany and they were married four years after their arrival. They were the parents of three children: Louisa Steingrabe of Quincy, Ill.; Marie Brand of Syracuse; and Orlando, our subject, whose whole life has been spent in this town. He attended the public school and assisted his father on his farm until he was twenty-one, when he started out for himself. In 1865 he went into the grocery business, first as clerk for Jacob Hammersmith until 1876, when he bought Mr. Hammersmith's interest in the store and assumed control. He remained thus until 1882 when he sold to E. Seabright, and was out of business until 1886 when he started a new grocery store in the new Hammersmith block which he has since successfully conducted. On April 29, 1869, he married Doretta Jones, daughter of Charles and Charlotte (Willeck) Jones of Canajoharie, and they have two children: Olive L., born January 23, 1871, and Elizabeth M., born September 3, 1874. Mrs. Steingraves died June 29, 1885. Mr. Stein-

graves has never taken much interest in politics, but has held offices of trust in the village, and has twice been elected town clerk of Canajoharie, but his ambition is to be an honest and successful business man.

Stewart, James, Amsterdam, was born December 4, 1794, in the highland village of Port Nellan, Perthshire, Scotland, the home of his family for generations. Born of a sturdy, vigorous race, he inherited, from a long line of noble ancestors that reaches back four hundred years to David of Scotland and Robert Bruce, those sterling qualities of head and heart that were destined in the new world to make him a man among men, a noble bearer of a noble name. His parents came to America in 1796 and located at Mayfield. At the age of sixteen he left the farm to make room at the fireside for a large family, of which he was the oldest. Following in the footsteps of his father, he became a stone cutter of no mean ability and later a government contractor. All over the country, in many states, along the lines of canals and railways, may be seen for generations to come, in solid stone, locks, massive arches and bridges, the monuments of his labor, for he builded wisely and well. In not a few instances, rather than place his seal upon unworthy work, he lost heavily on these contracts. In some he was, by special legislation, awarded reimbursements. In 1843 he married Melissa J., daughter of Dr. Abram Pulling of Amsterdam, and a lineal descendant of Colonial Governor Fitch of Connecticut, who proved a most worthy helpmate. Richly dowered by nature, both mentally and physically. Mrs. Stewart possessed a personality singularly rare; hospitality and charity were spontaneous expressions of her nature, and their united life was most happy and successful. Though living more than thirty years after her husband's death in the shadow of that deep affliction, she yet bore most nobly the burdens that thus devolved upon her—a young woman still. In 1846 Mr. Stewart purchased the old Johnson place, Guy Park, which he rebuilt and enlarged, making it one of the most beautiful homes in the Mohawk valley. Here on this farm his children were born and reared, surrounded on every side by the evidences of a master mind, that his children's children may now emulate; for his works stand as models for to-day. To a phenomenal physique, he added exceptional mental resources and breadth of intellect, which set its seal in no uncertain lines upon his every work. Here he brought his aged parents to end their days, and built to the already large house an additional wing for their accommodation, and here too, directly in front of his home, on the tracks of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. he met a most sudden death on July 28, 1860; thus terminating a life than which the world knows no nobler. His second daughter, M. Evelyn, who married Albert C. Phillips of the town of Florida, now occupies the old homestead. They have two children, a daughter and son, Anna E. and William Stewart.

Stover, Martin J., Amsterdam, father of Dr. Charles, was born in Pittstown, Rensselaer county, was educated in the public schools and Hartwick Seminary; he has been a minister for over fifty years in the Lutheran denomination. August 24, 1837, he married Lydia A. Hartman of Dansville, Livingston county; they have six children, five sons and one daughter: Jacob H., James H., Sarah J., Martin L., George B., and Charles. Jacob H., James H. and Sarah J., are dead. Judge Martin L. has a fine soldier's record and is judge of the Superior Court. Charles was born at Cobleskill, February 28, 1851; he was first educated in the public schools, prepared for College at

Seneca Falls Academy and entered Cornell University in 1871. In 1876 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1880 as an M. D., and began the practice of his profession the same year in Amsterdam; he was in company with Dr. Robb three years; the family is of German ancestry. Dr. Stover is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84 F. & A. M., and Amsterdam Chapter 87 R. A. M., and Dewitt Clinton Council No. 22 R. & S. M. of Albany, and of St. John's Commandery No. 37 K. T. of Schenectady. He is a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York and of the Montgomery County Medical Society.

Rickard, Charles, Glen, was born in Root January 3, 1874, and is one of five children of Henry and Sarah Ellen (Abel) Rickard, of the same town, the others being Philip Abel, William Henry, Frederick, who died in childhood, and one sister, who died in infancy. Charles married on October 29, 1873, Margaret Ann, one of six children of Abram and Catharine E. (Devendorf) Starin of Glen, the others being as follows: John H., Jacob A., Lizzie (Mrs. Douw Heagel), David H. and Levi A. Starin. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard have two children, Clara Lynn and Maggie May Rickard. Mr. Rickard began business in Fultonville in 1869 and in 1873 entered the drug business in the same place, where he has since remained. He is one of the most successful business men in the valley. Within the last few years he has turned his attention to real estate, and is now one of the largest real estate owners in Fultonville. He has also interested himself in the schools of the place and was one of the school board at the time of the erection of the school-house, which is one of the finest in the region. He is also president of the board of education.

Rosa, Isaac A., Mohawk, son of Isaac A. and Phebe Ann (Alvord) Rosa, was born in Broadalbin in 1836. In 1855 he began the manufacture of gloves and mittens in Broadalbin, which business he continued until 1862, when he went to New York and opened a clothing store; this he disposed of in 1868 and moved to Fonda, where he kept the Fonda Hotel (now Snell House) until 1882, when he was elected sheriff for a term of three years. He has been supervisor of Mohawk for eight years; treasurer of the agricultural society for five years; delegate to state, senatorial and congressional conventions several times; for seven consecutive years was chairman of the Democratic county committee, and has always taken an active part in politics. In 1856 he married Charlotte C. Gorton, and they have had four children, two of whom are living. In 1857 he joined Artisan Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., of Amsterdam. He is a dealer in lumber, a builder and contractor, and has built a large number of houses for himself in Fonda. Isaac R. Rosa, father of Isaac A. Rosa, was born in Schenectady. He kept the Rosa Hotel in Broadalbin for twenty-five years, and died in 1849. In 1800 his father, Richard, moved to Broadalbin when that section of the country was a wilderness. He was a contractor and a builder, and bought a large tract of land.

Saltsman, Adam, Palatine, was born in Palatine, December 18, 1832. His father was Henry, and his grandfather was William Saltsman, whose father immigrated from Germany and settled in Palatine, near where Adam was born; he married Catherine Wagner and had ten children. Henry Saltsman was born in Palatine in 1802, raised on a farm, and married Elizabeth Lipe, who bore him five sons and three daughters. She

died in 1844, and he married Catherine Loucks, who had one daughter. He was highway commissioner, and with his family was a member of the Lutheran Church. Adam Saltsman was raised on a farm, and married, in 1867, Matilda Nellis of St. Johnsville, to whom two children have been born: Jay, who died May 4, 1892, aged twenty-three, and Helen, who is at home. Mr. Saltsman is a member of Stone Arabia Grange, No. 690. The family attends the Stone Arabia Lutheran Church.

Spraker, James D., was born at Spraker's, Montgomery county, and is one of seven children of Daniel and Eliza (Dykeman) Spraker, being their only son. The others were Catharine, Alice, Louisa, wife of J. W. Wilson of Fonda; Frances, Isabella, and Harriet. Mrs. Wilson is the only one of the daughters living. James D. Spraker married December 14, 1870, Harriet M., one of the children of John H. and L. M. (Mears) Starin, the others being De Lancy and Charles Freeman (both deceased), Myndert, and Carline, wife of Howard Carroll of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Spraker have three children: Laura Belle, Marguerite, and John Starin Spraker. They reside in New York city, where Mr. Spraker has been engaged in business for the past twenty-one years.

Stafford, Harvey R., Canajoharie, was born in the village of Canajoharie, and is a son of Brown and Phoebe (Young) Stafford. The first Stafford who came to this country was Thomas, who emigrated from England in 1626, and was one of the settlers of Newport, R. I., in 1638. He removed in a few years to Providence, and from thence in 1652 to Warwick, where he died in 1677. He was a millwright, and at Plymouth he built the first mill in this country for grinding corn by water-power. His grandson, Colonel Joab Stafford, was the great-great-grandfather of Harvey R. He was colonel of a Massachusetts regiment during the revolution. Tracing the ancestry we find that the father of Brown Stafford was a resident of Cheshire, Mass., when Brown was born in 1810. On reaching manhood he first learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed after he came to this town. He built here the old Methodist church, the one at Ames and the one at Johnstown. In 1846 he started a grocery store in Canajoharie and shortly afterwards took up the insurance business. In 1859 he gave up the store and devoted his attention to the latter. His death occurred January 1, 1886, and Canajoharie lost one of its most respected citizens and one who had always been an active worker in the Methodist church, being a steward of that church at the time of his death. He held the office of village trustee for a great many terms and was a coroner of the county for several years. His business at his death was left to his son, Harvey R. Stafford, who for a number of years had been his partner. He still conducts it and represents eleven different fire insurance companies, and is agent for the New York Life and the Employers Accident Company.

Smith, Bartholomew, Canajoharie, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, April 3, 1851, and came to this country with his brother, Anthony, in 1866. He first located in Fort Plain, where he was employed by his uncle, Michael Galvin, who was then conducting a hotel. He remained there till 1875, then he moved to Canajoharie, at first selling auction goods; after this he established a grocery and provision store in the Nellis block, which he conducted till the fire of April, 1877, after which he sought for new

quarters, where the Hammersmith Block now stands. He did business there until the fall of 1877, and then removed to the Stafford Block, corner Church and Bowery, where he carried on a successful business until his death. This occurred August 17, 1887, and Canajoharie lost one of its best business men. Mr. Smith, at the time of his death, was the owner of the northern part of the Stafford Block, where his store was located. He married a daughter of Thomas Crough and sister of Timothy Crough.

Scharff, Charles W., Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie November 19, 1844, and is a son of Charles and Louisa (Strauman) Scharff. Charles Scharff, the father of the subject, was a native of Germany, and came to this country in 1836, locating in Canajoharie. He was the father of eight children, four of whom are still living; Elizabeth, widow of John L. Ranzo of Canajoharie; Sophia, wife of Joseph Roser of the same place; William J., a hotel-keeper of Fort Plain; Charles, W., our subject, whose whole life has been spent in this town. He was educated in Canajoharie Academy and on leaving school he entered the store of J. H. Davis to learn the tinsmith trade, where he remained until August 5, 1862, when he enlisted in the One Hundred Fifteenth N. Y. Volunteers and was with it in the battles of Olustee, Cold Harbor, Harper's Ferry, Chesterfield Heights, Petersburg, Fort Fisher and other engagements. He was mustered out of service June 27, 1865, when he returned home and spent two years in a Utica shop to finish his trade. He returned to J. H. Davis and spent fifteen years in his establishment, after which in 1882 he opened the hardware store and tin shop on Church street, which was burned in 1890. He then secured his present location on Main street, where he carries a general line of everything in the hardware business. In 1866 he married Carrie Shoemaker of Utica. They have had three children: Phoebe, wife of Peter G. Dillenbeck of Canajoharie; Florence, wife of Gurnen Jones of Fonda; and Charles M., a clerk in his father's store. Mr. Scharff has held the office of village treasurer for three years and is the present postmaster of Canajoharie.

Saltsman, William M. (deceased), a farmer, was born in Palatine in 1818, and died in 1883. His father was Michael, and his grandfather was William Saltsman. Michael Saltsman, who was a farmer, was born in Palatine and married Margaret Cook of Palatine by whom he had six children. He died in 1854, and his wife in 1869. William Saltsman was raised on a farm, educated in the public schools, and married in 1850, Maria, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Keck) Martin. The latter were the parents of twelve children. Mrs. Martin is an aunt of Judge Keck of Johnstown. Mr. Saltsman is a farmer, and he and his wife are Lutherans. They have had five children as follows: Philip M., Mary E., Alexander, William J., Irwin. Mr. Saltsman was a member of the Lutheran church at Stone Arabia, as is his wife at the present time.

Snell, Jacob, Mohawk, is the son of Alexander and Mony (Loucks) Snell, and was born in Palatine July 11, 1847. He received a common school education and was a farmer and stone contractor until April 1, 1883, when he bought the Fonda hotel and changed the name to the Snell house, which he recently sold at a profit. In 1885 he was elected sheriff. He was supervisor of Palatine one year, and town clerk two terms. He was engaged in boating on the Erie canal for a year and for another year was superintendent for Belden, Dennison & Co. on the Welland Canal. He is a member of the

Knights of Pythias and Red Men; is a Republican and an active worker in politics, and has been a delegate to county and state conventions. In 1867 he married Nancy C. Nellis of Palatine, daughter of Captain John J. Nellis. They have five children: Lizzie, Luu, Elda, J. D., and James A. Alexander Snell, father of Jacob, was born in the town of Palatine and resided there during his lifetime. He was a farmer. He married Mary, daughter of Peter C. Loucks, and they had nine children, eight of whom are living. He was elected sheriff of Montgomery county in 1861 and held various town offices. During the late war he was active in securing recruits, going to Nashville and enlisting colored men to help fill the quotas of the towns of his county. He died September 17, 1892. His wife is still living at Yonkers.

Van Derveer, Tunis I., Amsterdam, was born in Florida April 7, 1800, and settled in Amsterdam in 1822. He was a descendant of John and Katharine (Conover) Van Derveer, natives of New Jersey, but of Holland descent. They were residents of Florida for over half a century, and were a family of wealth and influence. On November 13, 1822, Tunis I. Van Derveer married Theodosia, daughter of John and Nancy Merrell of Charleston, and located on a farm that bears his name, at that time just outside the (then) small village. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in the Mohawk valley, and had a careful, far-seeing judgment in all transactions. He was noted for his liberality, and was one of the most public-spirited as well as traveled men of his day, both in this country and Europe. He was one of the first to feel the importance of a female seminary, and in May, 1838, he with E. E. De Graff, headed a subscription with a thousand dollars. In September, 1841, the Agricultural society of Montgomery county was organized, making Mr. Van Derveer its first president. He had seven children, four daughters and three sons. On August 24, 1871, he was called to bid adieu to scenes in which his own hands and guiding judgment had taken part, and leave for a "house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens." His wife survived him twenty-one years, and on September 4, 1892, at the rare age of ninety-one, in the full possession of all her faculties and encircled by the affections of her children and grandchildren, she passed the evening of her life, and when her summons came, gently fell into her Saviour's arms and "slumbered over" in the life beyond.

Van Evera, Peter F., Glen, was born in Root August 23, 1856. He was one of three children of James P. and Maria (Vedder) Van Evera, the others being Mary Louisa, wife of Theodore Clark, and Ella Grace, who died at the age of fourteen. James P., the father, was born in Glen December 20, 1832, and is one of nine children of Peter and Nancy (Leonardson) Van Evera, the former born in Canajoharie March 23, 1803, and the latter born in Root. The other children were: Charles S., John, Peter, Millard F., Ida C., wife of W. T. Schuyler, Elizabeth E., widow of Jacob H. Starin; Jane Ann, wife of John Van Derveer; and Mary Louisa, deceased. John R. Van Evera, great-grandfather of Peter F., was born in Holland and came to Montgomery county in early life. Peter F. was married October 10, 1878, to Emma, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Houck) Gardinier of Schoharie county. Mrs. Van Evera was one of three children, the others being: Anna, wife of Haslett Post; and Elizabeth C., who died in childhood. They have one daughter, Ella Grace. The grandfather of Emma

Gardinier was Henry, and his wife was Elizabeth Enders Gardinier. Elizabeth Honck, her mother, was one of seven children of Henry and Margaret (Kniskern) Honck.

Voorhees, Edward G., Glen, was born in Glen February 9, 1856, and is one of five children of Spencer and Eliza (Hutton) Voorhees, the others being Francis H., Annie C., wife of George Cross, Emma H., wife of John Stokes, and Ella, wife of Chauncy Ottman. Spencer, the father, was born in Florida, and was one of six children of John Voorhees of that town, the others being John, Nelson, Jane, wife of John Hutton, Eliza, and Mrs. David Rulison. Eliza Hutton, the mother, was one of four children of Timothy and Eliza Hutton. Edward G. Voorhees married, June 26, 1878, Henrietta Vunck, daughter of Reuben and Sally Ann (Hewitt) Vunck of Charleston. Mrs. Voorhees's sisters were Lavina, wife of Daultford Hall; Ella, wife of Albert Osterhout; and Lorena, wife of Alfred Osterhout. They have four children: Bessie E., Spencer, jr., Hetty B., and Foster H. Voorhees.

Van Evera, James P., Canajoharie, was born in Glen on the 20th of December, 1831, and is a son of Peter and Nancy (Leonard) Van Evera, natives of this county, and both families among the early settlers of the Mohawk valley. In early life the father was a teacher and clerk in a store in Ames. He was a Whig and a Democrat in politics and for several terms was supervisor of his town. James P. was reared on a farm and followed farming for several years. In 1884 he came to Canajoharie and in 1888 became interested in the manufacture of refrigerators. He is president of the stock company of which A. G. Richmond is treasurer. They are doing an extensive business, the largest of the kind in the Mohawk valley. On the 18th of October, 1842, Mr. Van Evera married Maria, a daughter of Francis B. Vedder of Glen, whose people were among the early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Van Evera have three children: Peter F., Mary Louisa, and Ellen Grace, deceased. Mr. Van Evera is a Democrat in politics. He and his wife are active members of the Reformed church. Both families are of Dutch origin.

Vedder, Joshua, Palatine, was born in Palatine in 1824. His father was Aaron Vedder, son of Arnold Vedder, a native of Schenectady and early settler of Stone Arabia, who married a Miss Doxtater, who bore him four sons and three daughters. Aaron Vedder was raised on a farm, educated at the common school, and married Catherine, daughter of John P. Gramps and wife (a Miss Bellinger), parents of one son and four daughters. Aaron and wife had four sons, two of whom died in Palatine. Joshua Vedder married Gertrude Graff, a native of St. Johnsville. They have had five children, namely: Amanda (deceased), Edward (deceased), Catharine R., Mary, Arthur G. In 1860 Mr. Vedder came to Nelliston, and in 1876, in partnership with his son-in-law, Mr. Snyder, engaged in the mercantile business, and they have since been known as the fashionable hatters and furriers of Fort Plain, carrying also a stock of men's furnishing goods. Mr. Vedder was supervisor of Palatine three years. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church, as were their ancestors.

Wilson, Henry, Mohawk, son of Jacob, was born in Mohawk in 1806, spending most of his lifetime here, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Gross, and they had six children, four sons and two daughters; he died in 1841, and his widow is

still living on the old farm owned by his daughter Maggie. The house is one of the oldest in the county, being built about 1743 by John Butler, who came from England. Henry, the only son of Henry Wilson living in this county, was born September 12, 1830, and has always lived on the farm. He married Elizabeth Hillabrant, and their five children are Edward, Garry (deceased), May (deceased), Henry, and Harvey; the three surviving children reside at home.

Wagner, W. Clark, Palatine, was born in Minden, February 23, 1854. On the paternal side his father was Jeremiah Wagner; his grandfather, William Wagner, and his great-grandfather, George Wagner. William Wagner was born in Palatine in 1779, married Nancy Shults, and had twelve children. He died May 19, 1862, and his wife died a number of years afterwards. Jeremiah Wagner was born January 21, 1814, and married Charlotte, daughter of William Getman of Ephratah. They had one son and two daughters. He was a tailor and resided in Fort Plain the greater part of his life. He died May 19, 1857, and his wife February 13, 1858. W. Clark Wagner became an orphan at four years of age, and was reared by his uncle, Nathan W. Wagner of Palatine. He attended the common school, and chose the occupation of farming. On February 1, 1882, he married Marietta, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Sponable of Munden. They have four children: Albert C., Lottie E., Alice M. and George S. Mr. Wagner is a Democrat, and he and his family attend the Reformed church at Fort Plain.

Wagner, Harvey E., Canajoharie, Fort Plain p. o., was born in Minden, at Brookman's Corners, August 18, 1841, and is a son of Charles and Ann E. (Brookman) Wagner. The great-grandfather of our subject (Englehardt Wagner) was born in Germany, but the other ancestors were born in this country. Harvey Wagner, grandfather of our subject, was the father of six children, of which Charles was second youngest. He was born in Minden April 24, 1816, and was married to Ann Brookman October 25, 1838. They were the parents of two children: John H., born August 14, 1839, and Harvey E., our subject. This family is one of the earliest settlers of this country, their ancestors living in Minden previous to 1800. When Harvey was eight years old his parents moved into Canajoharie and bought the farm of 210 acres, where they now live. John H. enlisted in the 44th Regiment New York Volunteers, known as the "Ell-worth Avengers," and was killed at the six days fight at the Wilderness at Spottsylvania court house, May, 1864. Our subject was educated in the public school, lived with and assisted his father until his death, which occurred September 14, 1879. February 6, 1866, he married Anna Garlock of this town, and their union has been blessed by five children: Ida, wife of Dr. John Jackson of Fort Plain; Lizzie, Viola, Lillian M., and Charlie P. Mr. Wagner is only interested in politics for the benefit of his country, but not an office seeker. He desires popularity as an honest, upright citizen, and successful farmer, which he has become by his own industry.

Warner, Charles E., Amsterdam was born in Amsterdam, September 27, 1862, and is a son of John and Jennett (Mitchell) Warner. John Warner came to this country from England in 1850, when he was twelve years old, and located at Cohoes. Beginning with nothing but good habits he has built up the largest knit goods manufactory

in Amsterdam, the firm name being Warner, De Forest & Company. He has been a member of assembly for two terms, and is one of the most influential men of the city. Charles E. was sent to the public schools, and thence went to a select school until twelve years of age, when he entered Amsterdam Academy. From thence he went into his father's mills in 1879, learning the knitter's trade, and in 1881 he became foreman of the knitting room in mill number 2. In June, 1886, he resigned this position to enter into partnership with his uncle, William Warner, in Rockton. On June 15, 1881, he married Hattie A., daughter of James and Louisa (West) Pitts of Ballston Spa. Mrs. Pitts, mother of Mrs. Warner, was a sister of George West of Ballston. They are the parents of three children: John W., born February 22, 1883; Louis H., born April 12, 1888, and Jessie Anna Warner, born August 2, 1892. William Warner, his uncle and partner, died January 26, 1892, leaving Charles in full control of the manufactory. The firm has built up a fine business, employing eighty workers. They make a specialty of knit jersey overshirts, men's shirts and drawers, and children's underwear. Mr. Warner says they are now doing a business of \$100,000 a year, being three times the amount they did the first year they were in the business. He has bought a beautiful residence in Rockton, where he now makes his home.

Wilkie, Henry O., Amsterdam, was born at Charlton, November 14, 1853. He was educated in the public schools and Charlton Academy, and when a boy he worked on a farm and taught school several winters. In 1880 he came to Amsterdam, entering the employ of I. C. Shuler & Company, where he remained until 1890, when he started a grocery store, a business he still continues. July 22, 1885, he married Carrie A., only daughter of William A. and Martha A. Firth of this city. They had three children, a son and a daughter died of scarlet fever, Walter O. is living. Mr. Wilkie's father, Elbert, was born at the old home in Saratoga county in the year 1822 and married Sophronia J. Snow of Batchelorville of his native county; they had eight children, six survive: Henry, Grace, Franc W., Addison, John and Joseph.

Warring, Charles H., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam in 1860, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He has always been a manufacturer and is now making knit goods under the firm of Gardiner & Warring. His father, James E., was born in Utica, and married Alida Sanford of this city. They have two children, a son and a daughter, Charles H. and Mary S. His grandfather, Jeremiah Warring, was born in Connecticut in 1789 and came to this state when a young boy with his parents; he married Sarah Bartlett, by whom he had nine children. He died in 1873. He had a representative in the war of 1812. James E., the father of Charles H., was the youngest child of the family.

Waldron, Hicks B., Amsterdam, was born in Waterford, July 17, 1840, and he was educated in the public schools and at Ballston Spa Institute under Dr. Babcock. He studied law with George G. Scott of that place, and was admitted to the bar in 1862 and began to practice at Albany the same year. In 1863 he went west and was docket clerk of the Kansas House of Representatives and afterwards was chief clerk of the United States disbursing office of the department of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Dakota for three years. Returning to Amsterdam in 1866 he has held the

office of president of the village, police justice and justice of the peace, was one of the members of the first board of sewer commissioners, was mayor of the city in 1890-91, and has been for the last ten years a member of the board of education. For the past two sessions was deputy clerk of the assembly. He married Eva E. Gunsaul of Perth, by whom he had two sons: William G. and Frank E. For his second wife he married Harriet M. Gildersleeve of Hornellsville, and they have three children, one son and two daughters: George G., Kittie May and Lillian P. Mr. Waldron is a past-master of Artisan Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., and member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., and of Neoskaleeta Tribe, No. 149, of Improved Order of Red Men.

Snyder, Orlando C., Amsterdam, was born in Sharon, Wisconsin, October 24, 1848, and came with his parents to Sharon, Schoharie county, when he was four years old. He was educated in the district schools and is by occupation a mason, contractor and builder, also fine ornamental worker. On November 24, 1875, he married Sarah, sixth daughter of Isaac and Alida Loucks of Sharon, and they have had four children, three sons and one daughter: Ira D., died at the age of five years; Chauncey L., died at the age of thirteen months; Willie H., died at the age of five months, and Nellie M., who survives. Mr. Snyder's father, Dr. James D. Snyder, was born in the town of Sharon, and was well educated. In early life he was reared on a farm and afterwards graduated in medicine and practiced until his death in this State; he married Maria Relyea formerly of Albany county, by whom he had six children, four sons and two daughters: John W., Orlando C., Mary O., David J. N., and Ida M., and John who died in infancy. The ancestry of the family is Dutch, and the great-grandparents of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder came from Holland. Mr. Snyder's people were in the revolutionary war. Mr. Snyder is a member of Lodge 209 A. O. U. W. of Amsterdam, also of Neoskaleeta Tribe No. 149 of Improved Order of Red Men, also of the American Mechanic's Association.

White, Edward Payson, Amsterdam, was born on the 21st of March, 1858, in Amsterdam, and was educated in the private schools and Amsterdam Academy and graduated from Union College in 1879 with the first honors. The following two years he taught the classics at LeRoy Academy, and in 1881-83 he was the editor of the Amsterdam *Daily Democrat*. He then entered Harvard Law School and in September, 1884, was admitted to the bar and began to practice in Amsterdam. He has been city attorney for three terms. On the 7th of September, 1887, he married Mary L., oldest daughter of John R. and Elizabeth N. Olmsted of LeRoy. Her father is an able lawyer of that place. His father, Joseph N., was born in the town of Deerfield, Oneida county, on the 4th of July, 1816, and was educated in Oberlin College, and graduated from the Ohio Medical College and practiced in Cincinnati several years. He came to Amsterdam in the early part of 1855, where he continued in active practice for thirty-five years. He was one of the pioneers of homœopathy in this part of the State, and a prominent member and officer of the Medical Societies of the New School. On the 15th of May, 1855, he married Catherine J. Maxwell of Johnstown. They had five children, three sons and two daughters: Doctor William M., a practicing physician here, Edward P., Sarah E., Lucy M., and Joseph N., a student in Union College. Joseph N., the father, died on the 14th of April, 1890.

Wemple, Dow, son of Barney, was born June 30, 1769, in Fonda. He was a blacksmith and had a shop in Fonda in 1811. He bought the farm where his grandson, Barney, now lives. He married Angelica Zieley and had five sons and four daughters. He died in 1850. His father, Barney, was one of the first settlers in Fonda. He built the grist-mill in that place, and was a dealer in furs. He was in the revolutionary army and was killed at Oriskany. The Indians burned his mill and his widow had it rebuilt during the war. David Wemple, son of Dow and Angelica Wemple was born in Fonda March 26, 1804. He married Evaline Lottridge, daughter of Robert. He was a farmer, and kept the Montgomery county poor-house four years. He held various offices, and had a family of four children. He died in August, 1862, and his wife May 26, 1840. Barney, son of David, was born December 27, 1826. He has always been a farmer, and held several town offices. March 27, 1848, he married Margaret, daughter of Lucas Sponenburg, by whom he had seven children. She died in 1877, and he married second, Malinda Sponenburg. His children are: David, married Margaret Doxtater; Adam, married Ella Devenburg; Catherine, wife of Walter Coleman; Elizabeth, wife of W. Wilson; Simon of Saybrook, Conn.

Williams, Cornelius V., Amsterdam, was born in Florida on the 12th of July, 1854, and was educated in the public schools. In early life he was a farmer but in 1880 he located in the Fifth Ward of this city. He is an alderman and represents the Fifth Ward and also conducts a large creamery. On the 31st of December, 1879, he married Cora B., second daughter of Charles and Oliver C. Wright of Florida. They have three children, two daughters and one son: Oliver M., Charles, and Ada E. Mr. Williams's father (Peter) was born in Peterboro in 1820 and married Martha M. Van Horne, who came to this city in 1888. They had five children: Cornelius V., Emma, who married W. J. Sweet of the town of Florida; Mary E., married William Serviss of this city; Sarah A., married Albert Francisco also of this city; and Jennie who resides at home with her mother. Mrs. Williams's father was born in Westerlo, Albany county, and married Olive C. Fancher of Florida and had five children.

Myers, Augustus, Amsterdam, was born in Prussia, Germany, December 15, 1845, and at the age of eight years came with his parents to the United States in 1853; he first located in Charlton, and soon after went to West Galway. December 16, 1863, he enlisted from Schenectady county in Company E, Thirteenth Heavy Artillery, N. Y. S. Volunteers, was honorably discharged August 25, 1865, and then came to Amsterdam where he resided most of the time. He has followed the occupation of a contractor and builder for twenty three years in this city. October 7, 1867, he married Dora E., only daughter of Alexander and Esther J. McCann of Scotch Bush (Florida), and they have three children, two sons and a daughter: W. Fenton, who is an attorney-at-law residing in Chicago; John A., who is a clerk in this city; and Julia A. who resides at home. Mr. Myers is a member of E. S. Youngs Post No. 33 G. A. R. of the department of New York, and past junior vice-commander of the post.

De Graff, Jeremiah H., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was a son of Peter and Mary (Seaman) De Graff, and was born in the house where his present residence is, January 4, 1824. Peter De Graff, father of our subject, was a son of Frederick and Elizabeth

De Graff. Frederick, the grandfather of Jeremiah, came to this country about 1771 and bought a tract of land extending from the creek at Cranesville to a little east of Chuetenunda, along the Mohawk and north into the interior one mile, of which Jeremiah has the old deed, written on parchment. He was the father of nine children, of which Peter was next to the youngest, and he was the father of four children: Susannah, who died at twenty-two years of age; Maria, afterwards Mrs. Clute; Andrew, who died at sixty-five at the old homestead; and Jeremiah. Mrs. Clute married at fifty-three years of age and has always lived at the old place, where she and her husband both died within a few hours of each other, April 2, 1892, and they were buried on the 4th in one grave. Mrs. Clute was mourned by all the representative families of the town by whom she was loved as a charitable and Christian lady. Jeremiah's early life was spent at home attending school until he was fourteen, when he shipped aboard a whaler at New Bedford, Mass. He tells many stories of his life at sea, cruising on the coast of Alaska during the summer, then going to warmer latitudes in search of sperm whale during the winter. He has made the circle of the earth four times in this business, which he quit in 1846. In 1850 he married Harriet Kinney of De Ruyter, Madison county, and they were the parents of two children: Jerome K., born August 29, 1851, now living at the old homestead, and Selena L., now Mrs. Porter H. Stanton of Chenango county, born May 22, 1853. Jerome was married July 25, 1874, to Mary J. Baker of Lincoln, Chenango county, and their union has been blessed by three children, but one is living, Fred J., born July 3, 1879. Mrs. J. De Graff died April 10, 1892, at sixty-one years of age.

De Graff, Isaac J., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam, October 26, 1845, and was educated in the public schools; he was a farmer until 1872 when he came to Amsterdam and was a grocery merchant for two years. He then accepted a position in the American Express office which he held three years; he is now engaged in the hardware business which he has followed for fifteen years, first with George Overbaugh, and then with A. McLaffray. He then formed a copartnership with Oliver S. Kline, purchasing the hardware stock of Schuler Bros. and consolidating both under one firm name, De Graff & Kline. On December 31, 1866, he married Agnes, fifth daughter of Abram and Martha Levy of this city. Mr. De Graff died in the year 1878. On July 4, 1880, he married Marion T. Leffray of this city; they have one daughter, Carrie Mildred. Mr. De Graff's father, Jeremiah, was born in Amsterdam in 1805 and married Mahala Collins of the same place. They had seven children, one son and six daughters. The old ancestor came from Holland as early as 1710, coming up the Mohawk river in flat boats with his goods and family and staying over night half a mile west of Crane village. Being pleased with the place they remained there, after making satisfactory arrangements with the Indians, and this place has ever since been owned by some of the De Graff family.

Yates, E. Lansing, Canajoharie, was born in Mohawk about a mile north of Fonda, September 5, 1811, and is a son of Everett and Catharine (Fonda) Yates. Three brothers of this name came from Yorkshire, England, two of whom went south, and the third, Joseph Yates, settled near Albany, in Rensselaer county, and it is from this root that the family have grown. The grandfather of our subject, Christopher, was a

grandson of Joseph Yates, and he was the father of six sons, of whom Everett, father of E. Lansing, was the oldest. He was born in Rensselaer county, and came to this county about 1788-89, locating in Mohawk. His wife, Catharine Fonda, was a native of Mohawk, and they were the parents of seven children, of whom Lansing is the only one living. His early life was spent in Mohawk, where he attended the common schools and assisted on his father's farm until he was of age, when he started out for himself. He married in 1834, Catharine Doxtader of Mohawk, and they had two children: Jerome Yates, a merchant of New York; and John Yates, a farmer of Hopewell Junction. Mrs. Yates died in 1839 and Mr. Yates took for his second wife Catharine Abel of the town of Glen, and of their children four survive: Elizabeth, wife of William H. Lippen-cott of New York; Mount A., of the firm of Yates & Dain of Canajoharie; Gilbert M., a merchant of Minneapolis; and Preston K., a civil engineer of New York. In 1837 Mr. Yates moved into Canajoharie, where, with the exception of from 1841 to 1849 he followed farming until 1863, and then, after a rest of six years, he entered the malting business, in which he has since been engaged. Mr. Yates was one of the original directors of the Canajoharie National Bank, holding that office till 1872.

Sloan, Peter, Canajoharie, dentist of Canajoharie, was born in Johnstown on the 13th of May, 1835, a son of Samuel and Aseneth Swift Sloan, who was a blacksmith for many years. He was a Scotchman and came to America about 1820; his wife was from Massachusetts of old New England stock and traces her family history back for nearly two hundred years. Peter Sloan was educated at Johnstown and studied with Dr. Abbott in 1857 and 1858. He commenced his practice in his native town, where he remained for some years, then came here in 1861 and has always enjoyed a fine practice. In December, 1862, he married Lucretia Wright of Albany; they have five children, two sons and three daughters: Ina, wife of William S. Van West, optician; William Irving, Samuel Maxwell, Alice, and Lucretia W. The doctor is an independent in politics.

Walrath, William, Palatine, was born in Palatine in 1850. His father was Josiah, and his grandfather was William, son of Isaac, a native of Palatine. The grandfather, William, married Lany Wagner, and had one daughter and five sons, all of whom were members of the Stone Arabia church. Both parents died in Palatine. Josiah Walrath was born in 1820, and married Nancy Loucks, who bore him three sons and one daughter. He held various town offices, and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. He died in 1867 and his wife in 1873. William Walrath was raised on a farm and was educated at the common school. He married in 1887 Libbie (born in Hudson), daughter of James Moore; they have one daughter, Irene E. Mr. Walrath has held town offices, is a member of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433, F. and A. M., and is a Democrat.

Van Horne, Rev. Abram, was born in White House, N. J., in 1763, and was educated at the New Brunswick Collegiate Institute. He married Anna Covenhoven, daughter of Cornelius, who owned 1,400 acres of land, and was a man of wealth. He came to Fonda about 1795 and preached at the Dutch Reformed church over forty years. He also assisted in organizing many churches in this State and two in Canada. He died

January 5, 1840, and his wife November 14 of the same year. Abram A. Van Horne, son of Rev. Abram, was born January 27, 1790, and came to Fonda with his father, when a small boy. He married Jane Fonda, who was born November 6, 1792, and was a granddaughter of Jellis Fonda. They had a family of nine children. Mr. Van Horne died April 14, 1871, and his wife March 21, 1881. He was a farmer, and owned beside, a tannery, shoe shop, blacksmith shop and store. He was a member of assembly in 1825-26, justice of the peace for twenty-seven years, and he and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed church. Giles H. Fonda Van Horne, son of Abram A. and Jane, was born June 11, 1816, in Caughnawaga (now Fonda), and was educated at the Canajoharie and Johnstown Academies. On August 2, 1836, he married Catharine Veeder, by whom he had four children, all of whom died in infancy. His wife died February 26, 1844. He married second, Margaret E., daughter of Colonel N. Smith of Utica, October 7, 1845, and they had five children, three of whom survive. He has been engaged in farming all his life. In 1835 he built the Montgomery hotel and opened it in 1836. He kept it for twelve and a half years, and is still the owner. He was postmaster for the Assembly in 1862-63, clerk for the insurance committee in 1864-65; deputy-sheriff three years; town superintendent of school three years, and was constable and poormaster. When eighteen years old he joined the State militia, and was captain and lieutenant-colonel. In 1862 he was appointed enrolling officer for Montgomery county. In 1865 when President Lincoln's body lay in state at Albany, he was appointed marshal and was officer of the day. He is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in politics. He has been delegate to state, congressional and senatorial conventions. He was also marshal of the day at the centennial of Hamilton College. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Episcopal church. In the former he has taken all the degrees. He has been a member and officer of the State Agricultural Society since its inception, and has frequently been in important service in this connection.

Putman, John V., Glen, Auriesville p. o., was born in Glen March 14, 1844. He was one of four children of Victor A. and Evaline (Van Horne) Putman. His father, Abram V. Putman, was also born in Glen. Her father, Cornelius Van Horne, and mother, Hannah (Van Horne) Van Horne, were also natives of the same town. John V. Putman was married in September, 1864, to Mary K. Van Buren, one of two children of Jeremiah and Caroline (Shelp) Van Buren of Glen. They have two children: Carrie (Mrs. F. J. Houpt of Fultonville), and Abram V. Putman. Mr. Putman has always lived in the town of Glen, has acted as justice of the peace, as assessor for three years, and is now supervisor of the town for a second term.

Wagner, Chauncey, Palatine, cousin of the late Senator Wagner, was born in Palatine August 5, 1821. His father was George, and his grandfather also George, who, with three brothers, Joseph, Peter and John, came from Germany before the revolution. George Wagner, sr., was in the revolutionary army and was wounded at the battle of Oriskany. He settled on a farm near where Chauncey Wagner now lives. About a hundred years ago he built the house now occupied by Chauncey, in which he died. He had three sons and four daughters. George, jr., was born in Palatine June 9, 1793. He was reared a farmer and educated at the common school. His wife was

Margaret Strayer, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. He was a farmer and a hotel-keeper, and was supervisor of Palatine before the county was divided. He and his family were members of the Lutheran church at Palatine. He died August 10, 1873, and his wife September 4, 1873. Chauncey Wagner received his education at the common school, supplemented by several terms at the Clinton Liberal Institute. He has always lived on the farm where he was born. He married, October 2, 1849, Emilie, daughter of Colonel Amos and Lucinda (Todd) Foster of Herkimer county. Mr. Wagner has been an active Democrat, and has held town offices. His wife is a member of the Universalist church at Fort Plain.

Waterstreet, John H., Amsterdam, was born in Glenville January 10, 1857, was educated in the public schools, and in early life worked on a farm. He came to Amsterdam in 1880, where he was clerk for David Strauss in his wholesale and retail grocery store for two and a half years. He was also with James R. Dowsland eight years (until his death), and one year with Mrs. Dowsland, when he, in company with J. L. Fredendal, bought the business and conducted it for a while. Mr. Waterstreet purchased Mr. Fredendal's interest and conducts the business on his own account. On January 8, 1883, he married Augusta, youngest daughter of Frederick Wilkie. They have three children, one son and two daughters; Ernest, Amelia and Florence. Mr. Waterstreet's father, John D., was born in Germany and came to the United States when a young man. He married Maria Speckeen, by whom he had nine children, five sons and four daughters: John H., Joseph C., Annie, Daniel, Elias, Samuel, Augusta, and Theodore.

Carson, Silas, Amsterdam, was born in Root June 21, 1842, and was educated in the public schools, and in early life was a farmer. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade and in 1876 came to Amsterdam, where he has since been a contractor and builder. On April 21, 1870, he married Lavenna, second daughter of Henry and Lucinda Walters of Fonda, and they had two children: Henry W., who died aged seven years; and Lucinda, who died aged five years. Mr. Carson's father, John, was born in Glen April 2, 1806, and married Margaret Beekman, by whom he had six children: Martin J., Stephen J., Silas, William H., Elizabeth A., and Martin M. His brother, Martin J., was a soldier in the late war and was assistant engineer on the gunboat "Ellen" and died of yellow fever. He also had an uncle Elisha, who was in the late war, and died in one of the prison pens of the south. Two cousins also served in the late war.

Walrath, Harry, St. Johnsville, was born in Minden June 27, 1845, and is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Zoller) Walrath, and grandson of Peter Walrath, whose father was also named Peter, and who came from Holland. Our subject's grandfather was born in Minden May 15, 1786, and served in the war of 1812 as a commissioned officer, at Sackett's Harbor. His wife was Elizabeth Duesler, by whom he had three children: Eva, Elizabeth Margaret and Jeremiah. He died at the age of sixty-five, and his wife in her ninety-second year. Our subject's father was born January 16, 1815, in Minden, where he lived and died March 22, 1873, aged sixty-five years. His wife, who survived him, bore him four children: Maggie, Berzee Harry, Carrie and Seward. Harry Walrath was educated in the Clinton Liberal Institute, and graduated from Eastman's

Business College in March, 1866. In 1876 he entered the employ of the railroad and in 1879 began as conductor in the Wagner car service on various lines. In 1886 he began as passenger conductor on the New York Central. In 1888 he located where he now resides in St. Johnsville. He is a Mason, a Republican, and a member of the order of railway conductors. September 26, 1878, he married Kate, daughter of Matthew and Gertrude (Myers) Dygert of Herkimer county. Matthew Dygert raised the Second New York Artillery and was a collector of internal revenue, and was also a merchant in New York and Mohawk. He had two daughters, Kate and Jennie.

Patten, David S., Palatine, was born in Palatine June 27, 1834. His father was John Patten, a native of Danube, and his grandfather was Henry Patten, born in Germany and an early settler of Herkimer county. He was a carpenter, and was killed by falling from a building. John Patten came to Palatine in 1830 and bought the farm now owned by David S. His wife was Elizabeth Hatmaker, who bore him one son and one daughter. They were members of the Reformed church at Stone Arabia. David S. Patten was raised on the farm, and married Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Fox) England of Palatine. They have had the following children: John J., Margaret, Annie, and Ella, who died in infancy. Mr. Patten is a Democrat, has been supervisor two years, assessor nine years, commissioner of highways three years, and overseer of the poor six years. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Canajoharie.

Lutton, Charles A., Amsterdam, was born at Hagaman's Mills January 10, 1860, was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam and afterwards in a private school. He was in the employ of I. C. Shuler & Company eight years, afterwards about 1882 he began the undertaking and livery business, which he has since conducted. His father, Charles Lutton, was born in the north of Ireland about 1823 and married Elizabeth Cole of his native country, coming hither soon afterward. They had four children: Rebecca, who died in 1862; Elizabeth, Charles A., as above noted, and Emma, who resides at home with their mother. The father died November 7, 1888, from an accident. Mr. Lutton is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M.; Amsterdam Chapter No. 81, R. A. M., and of Kennyetto Tribe No. 110, I. O. R. M.; also of Woodbine Lodge No. 250, K. of P., of which he is past chancellor. He is colonel of the second regiment uniform rank of the K. of P., and is a member of the Austin division of the U. R. K. P.

Gilbert, Charles N., Amsterdam, was born in Albany, December 15, 1863, and was educated in the graded schools of the city, also in the Albany High School, and graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy in 1885. He came to Amsterdam in the year 1888, formed a copartnership with S. F. Powell in the wholesale and retail drug business and grocers' sundries, under the firm of Powell & Gilbert, on East Main street. Mr. Gilbert's father, J. H., Ph. D., was born in Durham, Greene county, in 1834, was educated in Le Raysville Academy and Delaware Literary Institute, and holds the position of professor of mathematics in the Albany High School. He married Abigail E. Newell of his native state and town, and they had five children, two sons and three daughters. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the board of trade and president of the Y. M. C. A. The family is of English and Scotch descent.

Hoffman, Silas I., St. Johnsville, was born December 12, 1857, at Little Falls, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Fusselman) Hoffman, and grandson of Simon, who came from Germany and died at Little Falls. Our subject's father carried on a meat market and canal grocery in Little Falls. He was the father of seven children. Silas I. Hoffman received a common school education, and at eleven began to earn his own living; first in a mill for two years, then one year in a news room, then in a clothing store for two years, and in 1874 entered the N. Y. Central freight house as helper. In 1880 he came to St. Johnsville and has been agent since. In 1887 he returned to Little Falls as freight agent until 1890; he is also agent for express companies. He married on November 29, 1879, Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Nancy (Bellinger) Levee, who bore him two children: Edna L. and Leland S. He has held prominent positions in social, fraternal and benevolent societies, and is now president of the board of education of St. Johnsville.

Quiri, Edward A., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam March 20, 1861, but at the age of twelve years he moved with his parents to Florida, where he remained twelve years. He was educated in the public schools and became a clerk in S. B. Thing & Company's boot and shoe store, where remained three years. In the spring of 1889 he formed a copartnership with Henry Clark and went into the boot and shoe business under the firm of Quiri & Clark. The copartnership was dissolved in 1890, and Mr. Quiri conducts it alone with success. October 5, 1887, he married Elizabeth Lindsay of this city, and they have a son, Edward L. Mr. Quiri's father, Edward, was born in Alsace, France (now Germany), in 1836, and when a young man came to the United States. In 1856 he married Mary A. Yund formerly of his native place; they had seven children, five sons and two daughters: Edward A., Charles, Alfred, Victor, Eugene, Mary and Caroline. Mr. Quiri's father was a soldier in the English army in the Crimean war and holds an honorable discharge. Edward A. Quiri is a member of Montgomery Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F.

Bellinger, Otto, St. Johnsville, was born in Minden, July 29, 1863, a son of Henry P. and Lucy (Klock) Bellinger, and grandson of Philip, whose father was Christian, a revolutionary soldier, who was captured by the Indians and carried to Canada. Philip Bellinger was born in Danube. He married a Miss Timmerman and raised six sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and raised families. Henry P. Bellinger was born in Herkimer county, December 3, 1828, and was raised a farmer. About 1844 he moved to Minden and located on 150 acres of land; he now owns 240 acres. April 3, 1888, he moved to St. Johnsville, where he owns one of the finest homes in the village. He married, January 7, 1842, Lucy, daughter of John B. and Eva (Timmerman) Klock, who bore him three children: Emery, Eva (wife of Alvin Dygert), and Otto. The latter was educated in the common schools and Clinton Liberal Institute, graduating in 1882.

Walrath, Seward, St. Johnsville, was born July 18, 1855, in Minden, and is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Zoller) Walrath, and grandson of Peter Walrath. The subject's father was born in Minden, where he spent his life as a farmer. He was a Republican and served in several town offices. He was a Universalist, and owned 114 acres, the farm

on which his father settled. He had four children: Maggie Berzee, Harry, Carrie and Seward. He died in 1875 and his widow survives. Seward Walrath was raised on a farm and educated at Fort Edward. In 1877 he began clerking for Smith Bros., where he worked for four years, and then was six years with C. Buckinghorn. October 10, 1888, he began for himself and has been successful. He is a Republican and a Mason.

Ruff, William, Florida, one of the two children of William A. and Mary J. (Ladd) Ruff, was born in Florida on the 25th day of November, 1854. William A., the father, was born in the same town in 1827. His mother was a native of Duanesburg, and he has one sister, Mrs. Nettie Duesler, living in Florida. William Ruff was married November 22, 1876, to Anna B., daughter of James and Selina (Holmes) Filkins of Duanesburgh, but she was born in England. They have two children, Carrie and Lena Ruff.

Moore, David, Mohawk, Johnstown p. o., son of John F. L., married Ann G. Quilhot, and had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Of these children seven are living. Mr. Moore was a farmer and died March 17, 1889. His widow resides on the homestead farm. Henry, son of David, was born February 27, 1860, and carries on the home farm. He is a member of Johnstown Grange, and is lecturer for 1892. The family are members of the Johnstown Lutheran Church.

Pruyn, Jacob, Root, was born in Glen, November 14, 1846, and died September 10, 1892. He was one of nine children of Jacob and Catharine (Holtzberger) Pruyn, the others being Francis H., Marion Elizabeth, Milton, Catharine and Isabella (the two latter deceased), Harvey, Charles, and Anna Augusta. Jacob, the father, was born in Berne, Albany county, October 28, 1808, and his wife, Catharine, was born in Florida, August 18, of the same year. Francis I. Pruyne, the grandfather, was born in Albany, January 30, 1781. His wife, Tenette (De Forest) Pruyn was born in Florida, January 9, 1787. Jacob Pruyn, the great-grandfather, was also born in Albany. Francis Pruyne, his father, married Alida Van Evera, a native of Amsterdam (Holland), who at the age of about eighty-two made a will (under date of August 20, 1767), bequeathing to her descendants, among other property, a number of negro slaves. That will, together with her wedding ring and other heirlooms, including a table which came from Holland over 200 years ago, is now in possession of Marion E. Pruyn.

Getman, George, Palatine, was born in Palatine, April 14, 1828. His father was Casper and his grandfather was George Getman. The latter was a native of Ephratah, and a farmer. He married Margaret Cook and had four sons and three daughters, and they both died in Ephratah. Casper Getman, born in Ephratah, was a farmer, and married Elizabeth Bauder of Palatine; they had two sons and two daughters. He was a highway commissioner, and a member of the Reformed Church, and his wife of the Lutheran Church. They both died in Palatine. George Getman was a farmer, educated at the common school, and married Magdalen, daughter of Levi Dillenback of Palatine. Their children were as follows: Samantha, Alvia, Casper, Emma, Byron, and Arwillma. Mrs. Getman died and later on Mr. Getman married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Edwards) Reid of Ephratah. They had two children: William (deceased), and Lizzie A. Mr. Getman is a Democrat and held the offices of assessor, collector, and excise commissioner. He is a member of Canajoharie Lodge F.

& A. M., and he and his family have always been supporters of the Reformed Church at Stone Arabia. Casper, third child of George, at present resides on the old home-stead. He was born July 24, 1857, reared on a farm and educated at the common school. In 1886 he married Florence N., daughter of Thomas Sammons, of Sammons-ville (father of three sons and six daughters). They have one child, G. Russell. Mr. Getman is a Democrat, a justice of the peace, a member of Stone Arabia Grange No. 690, and he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church at Stone Arabia.

Bunn, David C., Charleston, was born in Charleston June 15, 1845. He was one of two children of William C. and Sarah (Goewey) Bunn. He was married June 20, 1879, to Anne E. Earing, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ostrander) Earing; she being one of two children; Cornelia, her sister, died in early life. Jacob, the father, was a son of Michael Earing of Rensselaer county, and was one of four children. Elizabeth (Ostrander) Earing was one of eleven children of Peter and Hannah (Cooper) Ostrander of Rensselaer county. The Earings came from Greenbush, Rensselaer county, to Charleston in 1877, settling on the farm which they now occupy. David C. Bunn and wife, Anna, are living with them.

Hammond, Worden, Mohawk, son of John Hammond, was born in Providence, R. I. His father was a Baptist minister and settled where the city of Utica now is. He was the first minister, and his wife organized the first Sunday school there. They had three sons, Worden, John and Calvin, and they were all surveyors, and assisted in laying out the city of Utica. Worden married Catrina Fonda, widow of Henry Fonda, and daughter of Christopher Yates. In 1807 he settled in Fonda and followed surveying until his death, June 27, 1813. His wife died in 1852. They had five sons: John, Christopher Y., Worden, Henry F., and Luther. Christopher Y., the only survivor, was born October 28, 1805. He received a common school education and married Pamelia Quackenbush of Glen. They had two children, both deceased, Luther G. and Mary Ellen. For twelve years Mr. Hammond was in the produce and commission business in Albany, and for three years in New York. He was in the health department in the latter city for six years. He and his wife are the oldest living members of the Reformed church. The beautiful cemetery of Fonda was a present from Mr. Hammond to the corporation.

Groff, Benjamin, St. Johnsville, was born where he now resides, November 18, 1812, and is a son of Christian and Catherine (Nestle) Groff. His grandfather Groff came from Germany in colonial days and settled in Palatine, where he died; his wife died in St. Johnsville, aged ninety-six. They were members of the Lutheran church. Christian Groff was born in Palatine and settled on one hundred acres where our subject resides, about 1790, and where he spent his life, dying in 1843, aged seventy-two. Christian served in the war of 1812. He and his wife were Lutherans. Benjamin Groff was self-educated, and at the age of thirty-four he took charge of the homestead. He married Lany A., daughter of Nicholas J. and Catharine (Flanders) Smith, and they had nine children. Martha, died at seven; Alonzo, died at twenty-one; James, died at eleven; Mary Cress; Catharine Storms; Lucinda Failing; Daniel; Fayette; and Emily, died at seven months. Mrs. Groff died in March, 1878, aged sixty-seven.

Groff, Fayette, was born where he now resides, January 29, 1853, and is a son of Benjamin and Lany (Smith) Groff. At the age of twenty-two he started for himself on the farm he now occupies. He is an ingenious man and possesses a fertile mind. He married, September 8, 1875, Antoinette, daughter of John and Gertrude (Klock) Burkdorf. They have two children: Lucinda and Floyd B. He and his wife are active Lutherans.

Bellinger, Jacob M., Root, son of Andrew W. and Elizabeth (Lipe) Bellinger, was born November 1, 1835, on the farm where he now resides, which belonged also to his father and his grandfather. He received a common school education, and in politics is a Republican. His grandfather was William Bellinger of Holland, who was one of the one hundred pioneers of Root, and died at the age of seventy-four years, June 13, 1833; his wife, Hannah, died May 22, 1825. He was a farmer, and reared four sons and four daughters: John, Phillip, Margaret, wife of Jacob Dievendorf, Catharine, wife of Jacob Lasher; Elizabeth, wife of Cornelius Runkle; Maria, wife of William Christler; Andrew and Conrad. He was a large land owner. His son Andrew W., father of our subject, was born in Root October 15, 1790, and died September 17, 1859, at the age of sixty-eight years and eleven months. His wife, Elizabeth, died January 22, 1866, aged seventy-three years. They had three sons and four daughters: William A., Eliza, John, Hannah, Margaret, Mary Catharine, Susannah and Jacob Menzo, of whom Jacob M. is the only one now living. Andrew W. was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a Whig and a Republican. Jacob M. married, February 20, 1856, Gertrude M., daughter of Philip C. and Catharine (Zimmerman) Bellinger, and they had six children: John A.; Emma, who died aged thirteen years; Mary Catharine, wife of Raymond Carson; Willis P., Charles M., and Walter J. Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger are members of the Reformed church of Currtown. Charles M. Bellinger, third son of Jacob M. and Gertrude M. Bellinger, was born May 1, 1869, and is the only one of the children living at home with his parents. At the age of seventeen he became a member of the Reformed church, of which he is now a deacon, having served two years. The farm, consisting of about 150 acres, is one of the best in the county, having been the home of his great-grandfather, grandfather and father, and will also belong to him. After attaining a good district school education, he became a student at the State Normal school at Albany for one year, 1888-89, and after completing two terms of teaching (the latter term being in a commercial school at Albany) he was on account of the illness of his father, called home, where he has since remained.

Ozmun, I. Davis, M. D., Canajoharie, was born in South Lansing July 6, 1856, was educated at the Ithaca Academy and the Cortland Normal school, and graduated at the Syracuse Medical College. He began practice in Canajoharie in October, 1888, and makes a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat, though having also a general medical practice.

Smith, John Garret, Minden, was born in Root, Montgomery county, September 1, 1837, and is the third son in a family of four children of Noah and Ida (Lenderson) Smith. His education was limited to the district schools of his native town. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to John D. Burke of Fort Plain, to learn the

carriage-maker's trade. He was employed by Mr. Burke until 1873, when he commenced the manufacture of carriages himself. In 1886 he formed a partnership with Henry Rebell, the firm being Smith & Rebell. The firm manufactures a general line of wagons, carriages and sleighs, and employs from seven to ten men. Mr. Smith in politics is a Republican. He married Mary, daughter of the late Jonas Nestle of Fort Plain.

Moyer, Jacob, Minden, married Elizabeth Walrath, and had the following children: Jacob, Peter, Henry, Nicholas, Mary, who married Abraham Zoller; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Moyer. Peter (mentioned above) married Nancy, daughter of Jacob Devendorf. Their children were David; Polly, who married Peter Elwood, and died in Minden; Jonas, died at Hammond; Elizabeth, married Cornelius Cronkhite, and died in Minden; Nancy, died single; and Catharine, widow of Josiah Zoller, lives at Fort Plain. Peter died in 1855, aged fifty-two years. David, son of Peter, was born in Minden, May 12, 1801, and married May 1, 1825, Lany, daughter of Solomon Devendorf. She was born May 27, 1803. Their children were as follows: first, Daniel, born April 13, 1826, and resides at Lysander; he married Minerva Abeel, and has four children: William A., Dewitt, Augusta and Martha; second, Henry, born October 13, 1827, resides at Bush Creek, Fayette county Iowa; he married Caroline Zoller, and has three children: Emma, Jennie and Dwight; third, Peter B., born in Danube, July 17, 1833, married for his first wife, Helen, daughter of John Zoller of Minden. Their children were Myron, born August 29, 1858, and Clara, born November 5, 1859, wife of Nathaniel Bleekman of Oneida; he married second, Rosie, daughter of David Walts. Peter B. became a resident of Minden in 1862, and has been engaged in farming except from 1876 to 1880, when he operated the Red Mill at Fort Plain. Fourth, Lydia, born July 3, 1837, died in childhood; fifth, David, born in Danube, December 2, 1838, married March 15, 1871, Matilda, daughter of Daniel Failing of St. Johnsville; she was born in that town December 2, 1848. They have two adopted daughters: Katie, wife of Jacob Alter of Danube, and Louisa. David has been a resident of Minden since 1873 and has always been engaged in farming; and sixth, Seward, born February 1, 1851, resides in Fort Plain. David removed from Minden to Danube and engaged in farming. He died there September 5, 1869, and his wife July 29, 1869.

Veeder.—Johannes Veeder, father of Simon, came from Holland, and owned 1,000 acres of land near Fonda. Simon Veeder was born on the farm and married Margaret Terwilliger, by whom he had two daughters and six sons; he died in 1843, and his wife died in 1832. Volkert, his son, was born in 1776 and married Alida Fonda, by whom he had eight children. Asenath, his youngest child and only survivor of the family, is of the fifth generation, and has her sister's grand-daughter, Katie V. Smith, living with her, who is of the seventh generation, this farm having been in possession of the Veeder family for 200 years.

The Hartley Family.—This family is one of great antiquity in England. In the county of York, as well as in Dorset, Berkshire and Cumberland, are several distinguished families of this name, each claiming a common origin in the Hartleys of Chor-

ton in Lancashire, and having essentially the same insignia and motto, "Vive ut Vivas." There is to the present generation a line of descent direct from Sir John Hartley, knighted by Charles I. in 1623. The family was variously distinguished in England for moral and intellectual vigor, numbering among its members Dr. David Hartley, the metaphysician, the Vicar of Armley, an eminent divine, and David Hartley, statesman, who as representative of the English crown, concluded the definitive treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States at the close of the revolutionary war. Robert Hartley, grandson of the Vicar of Armley, married Martha Smithson, who was very closely related to James Smithson, who founded the Smithsonian Institution at Washington. Isaac Hartley, son of Robert, was a woolen manufacturer at Cockermouth, England, and married Isabella Johnson, removing to Charlton, Saratoga county, in 1798. In early life he was the companion, schoolmate and townsman of the poet Wordsworth. Isaac and Isabella had five children: Martha, born in 1789, married Alexander Ferguson of Charlton, and died in 1856; Isabella, born in 1792, died in 1875; Robert M., born in 1796; Mary, born in 1802, died in 1873. She married John Barlow of Florida; Isaac, born in 1804, married Sarah Barlow, and died in 1880. Robert M. was educated at Fairfield Academy with a view to the ministry, but owing to impaired health he settled in New York in 1820, where he entered the drygoods business. He soon became closely connected with the church and philanthropic work, and mainly through his energy was founded the New York Temperance Society, the Association for the Improvement of the Poor, Juvenile Asylum, Workingman's Home, Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled. In 1824 he married Catharine, daughter of Reuben Munson. Their children are: Mrs. Isabella H. Sherwood, born in 1826, living at Bristol, Pa.; Marcellus, born in 1827, of the firm of Hartley & Graham, New York; Joseph W., born in 1829, now secretary of the United States Electric Light Company of New York; Mrs. Mary H. Brown, born in 1833, died in New York in 1885; Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, born in 1830, now of Great Barrington; Reuben M., born in 1832, of Florida; Mrs. F. B. Wightman, born in 1836, of New York; Mrs. J. H. Cowdrey, born in 1840, of Edgewater, N. J.; and Mrs. John L. Brower, born in 1843, of New York. After a long life, full of usefulness, Mr. Hartley died in New York March 3, 1881, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. His wife died December 7, 1873, aged sixty-nine years. Reuben M. Hartley came to Florida in 1849. In 1856 he purchased the farm where he now resides, and is one of the prominent and influential men of the town. In 1858 he married Jane, youngest daughter of the late Garret E. Van Derveer. They have three children: Mrs. Horace Walrath, residing at Minaville, born in 1859; Robert M., born in 1862; G. Van Derveer, born in 1864, married in 1888 Clara, eldest daughter of David P. Luke of Scotch Bush. They have two children, Abbie, born in 1889, and Myra, born in 1892. He lives on the adjoining farm, purchased by him in 1887. Robert M., the oldest son, was educated in the district schools and a three years course at the Amsterdam Academy. He is a close student of history—especially of the Mohawk Valley and of the Indians. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Historical Society, an earnest Republican in politics. In February, 1892, he was elected supervisor of the town of Florida, and is active in the interests of his town and county. He is also a

member of Tienonderoga Tribe 176 Improved Order of Red Men of Minaville. He is unmarried, and lives on the old homestead. A century ago the farm now occupied by Mr. Hartley was something of a business center, there being a grist-mill, potash works and store, of which not the slightest trace remains.

Bixby, Hiram, St. Johnsville, was born in Saratoga county April 23, 1807, and is a son of Joshua and Sallie (Tourtelot) Bixby of Rhode Island and Connecticut, respectively. Joshua was born April 6, 1768, and his wife September 19, 1775; they came to Saratoga county in 1796; he died March 3, 1860, and his wife August 23, 1856. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters. Hiram Bixby came in 1830 to St. Johnsville and worked as a mason and at stave making. In 1837 he bought an acre of land, on which he has since resided; he owns, also, two lots which he secured on a mortgage, and has other means, all earned by days' work. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Jackson. He married, October 22, 1835, Dorothy, daughter of Joseph I. and Mary (Rouse) Klock. They have no children of their own but have brought up two of his brother's children: Alphonso (deceased), and Sally, who died at the age of seventeen.

Dorn, John A., Florida, the fourth of seven children of Amos H. and Susan Ann (Radley) Dorn, was born in Florida on the old Radley homestead, where he now lives November 24, 1843. Amos H., his father, was born in Berkshire county, Mass.; his mother, Susan Ann (Radley) Dorn, having been born in the Radley homestead. Her father, John P. Radley, was also born on the same spot, April 17, 1792. The grandfather, Philip Radley, was born October 9, 1765, in Bethlehem, Albany county. He settled in Florida upon the farm now occupied by John A., in the year 1791, the deed being in possession of the family. John A. married, June 18, 1873, Sarah L., daughter of Elijah and Ruth Rockwell of Duanesburg. They have two children: Ruth Annah, and John A. Among the family belongings is a remarkable Dutch Bible, weighing sixteen pounds, which was printed in Amsterdam in the year 1702, also an ancient English watch belonging to Mr. Davis's great-grandfather, which our subject now owns.

Seeber, William H., Canajoharie, Fort Plain p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence in Canajoharie November 6, 1826, a son of William and Nancy (Failing) Seeber. The great-grandfather of our subject came to this country from Germany and located in this county; the first trace we have of the family direct was the purchase of this farm by William Seeber during the revolution. The road past the farm was laid out as a turnpike from Canajoharie to Cherry Valley, but at the time of the purchase was a foot path for the tories and Indians. William Seeber was the father of seven children; one of them, Henry, grandfather of our subject, was born December 13, 1769. He was the father of two children: Margaret, who married John Yordon, and William H., the father of our subject, who was born May 29, 1791, and married Elizabeth Failing April 5, 1812. They were the parents of four children: Henry, Abraham, Catherine, and Josiah. Mrs. Seeber died April 5, 1820. His second wife was a sister of the first, Nancy Failing, married in January, 1821, and they were the parents of three children: Eliza, Margaret, and William H., our subject. He has two sisters and a half-brother living. William now lives on the old homestead farm that has been in the possession

of the Seeber family for over 125 years. He married Catherine Mount of Glen February 6, 1856, and they have two children : Clarence M., born March 14, 1857, and Charles J., born January 11, 1864. Mr. Seeber is not an active politician, and is content to let others govern, but is known as a good farmer and an honest upright citizen. William H., his father, died February 26, 1881. His mother died April 19, 1876, on her ninety-second birthday.

Van Derveer, Thomas, J., Root, was born on the farm adjoining his present residence August 26, 1830, a son of Joseph and Harriet (Allen) Van Derveer. His father's father was Garrett Van Derveer, who came from Monmouth county, N. J., and was a pioneer of Charleston, where he followed farming and shoemaking. He was an active Presbyterian. He moved to and died near Rural Grove. His wife was Rachel Covenhoven, daughter of Peter Covenhoven, on whose farm the battle of Monmouth was fought. He was an early pioneer of Montgomery county. Garrett Van Derveer reared eight sons and two daughters, of whom Joseph was the fifth son. He was born in Charleston March 23, 1802, served in the various town offices as a Democrat, and was overseer of the county poor for three years. He was also an extensive farmer in Root. He died in March, 1877, and his wife in April, 1879. They had five children, one of whom died. They were Mary A., Shibley, Thomas J., Amanda Lyker, and Ruth E. Mallett. Thomas J. was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools and the Collegiate Institute at Marion, Wayne county. He taught school nine consecutive years, eight in his own district. He remained with his father during his life, and the homestead fell to him. In 1885 he sold out and located where he is now in 1887, on a farm of 147 acres. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Root cheese factory, and is also a director of the Fulton and Montgomery Insurance Co. He has served as justice eight years, and held various minor offices, having been active in politics. He is a breeder of Shropshire sheep and Jersey cattle. November 29, 1857, he married Caroline, daughter of Ezra and Emily (Corbin) Hoag, natives of Root and Charleston, the former born October 1, 1797, and the latter January 21, 1800. They were Quakers, the father a son of Nathaniel Hoag, a pioneer and successful farmer of Root. Thomas J. and wife have two children : Joseph E. and Maxalynn. Mr. and Mrs. Van Derveer have been members of the Christian church forty years.

Christman, George H., St. Johnsville, was born in Ephratah April 10, 1843, a son of Peter and Mary (Sponable) Christman, and grandson of Jacob N. Christman. The latter was born in Schoharie county and died about 1879, aged eighty-four years; his wife was Maria Van Valkenburg, who bore him ten children : Peter Christman was born June 9, 1810, in Schoharie county and was raised in Fulton county. He had four children: Lena, George H., Nathan, and Eli. George H. Christman was raised on a farm and educated at the common school. At the age of twenty-seven he began lumbering which he followed for three years, and then engaged in farming. In 1886 he bought and settled on 200 acres in St. Johnsville; he has been engaged in the manufacture of cheese. He is an active Democrat and has held town offices; he is also a Knight of Pythias. He married, February 19, 1873, Margaret, daughter of Augustus and Margaret (Bellinger) Smith, and they have four children : J. Ettie, Clarence A., Smith, and Edward. Mrs. Christman is a Lutheran.

Snell, Orville (deceased), was born in Minden in 1845, and was a son of John A. and Mary (Failing) Snell. He was reared on a farm and in 1862 enlisted in Company B, One Hundred Fifteenth N. Y. Volunteers, was taken prisoner at Deep Bottom August 16, 1864, and was confined at Salisbury until March, 1865, when he was liberated bereft of his reason from starvation. On his return he was so emaciated and reduced that his own friends did not know him. After the war he engaged in farming, but sold his farm after a time and removed to the village of St. Johnsville, where he died July 15, 1877, from disabilities arising from his service in the army. He married, June 18, 1873, Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah and Catherine (Timmerman) March, who was born in Minden in 1850. Her grandfather was Peter March, a native of Minden, whose father, John March, was a pioneer of Minden. The subject has three children, but one of whom is living: John A., a graduate of the high school and of Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie.

Howard, Charles Louis, Florida, one of four children of Ebenezer and Ellen (Crane) Howard, was born at Empire Lock, Fort Hunter, October 11, 1859. The other children were Frank and Addie, who died in childhood, and George A., who died at Hot Springs, Ark., April 30, 1891. Ebenezer Howard, the father, was born at Duaneburg January 1, 1827, and was a son of Samuel (born July 13, 1795, and died March 9, 1857) and Marilla (Hatch) Howard (born January 27, 1798, died February 25, 1869). The great-grandfather was John Howard, who lived and died in Duaneburg. The mother, Ellen (Crane) Howard, was born at Newburgh May 16, 1832, and died at Fort Hunter, February 11, 1892. Charles Louis Howard married, June 9, 1880, Kittie H., daughter of A. H. Burtch of Fonda, she being a graduate of the Elmira Female College. Their children are as follows: Harry, Helen, Mabel, and Ruth. Mr. Howard was educated at Johnstown Union School and Amsterdam Academy. In August, 1880, he engaged in the broom business with his father, brother and cousin. This industry was started in 1859 by E. Howard and John D. Blood, and was continued until 1869, when Mr. Blood sold out his interest and removed to Amsterdam. Mr. Howard enlarged and continued the business until 1873, when the factory was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Howard at once rebuilt and equipped the present brick factory, and later associated with him his sons and his nephew. By the death of E. Howard and his son, George A., and the withdrawal from the firm of Avery Howard, the business is now conducted solely by C. L. Howard under the firm of E. Howard & Sons. The mill is equipped with modern improvements, including electric light, and has an average capacity of 200 dozen per day, which during the busy season is increased from fifty to ninety dozen above that. There are about seventy-five men constantly employed, and the product is second to none. Ebenezer Howard was one of the active members of the Broom Manufacturers' Association. He was a director in the Farmers' National Bank of Amsterdam, and Fort Hunter Suspension Bridge and was one of the most valued members of the community.

Horn, Fridolin, St. Johnsville, a son of Adam and Gertrude (Zay) Horn, was born at Fort Plain November 27, 1851. He received a common school education and has been in business with his brother in the mill. He married Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bright) Miller. Mr. Miller was born in Germany March 25, 1820, and died in Thompsonville, Conn., September 3, 1869; he was a baker by trade. His wife was

born in Utica, and was a daughter of William and Susan (Reed) Bright, who were born in England and Glasgow, Scotland, respectively; they had three children: John, Susan (deceased), and Mary. Fridolin Horn and wife have five children: Myra E., Inez B., Fridolin M., Adam J. and Carleton J.

De Graff, Garrett H., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam on the farm where he now lives January 20, 1831, a son of John G. and Hester (De Graff) De Graff. John G., father of our subject, was born in 1808 on the old homestead where Garrett now lives, and his ancestors were among the earliest settlers of this town. Garrett was educated in the public schools of this town and at the age of seventeen he went on the farm to assist his father until he was twenty-seven years old. April 15, 1852, he married Mary A. Seaman of Amsterdam, daughter of James Seaman, who is remembered as one of the most prominent Democrats of the town. In 1857 Garrett left the farm to try railroading, which he followed fifteen years, being foreman of construction ten years. He lived two years on a farm in Saratoga county, in 1874 he came back to the old homestead where he intends to remain the balance of his life. Mr. De Graff has had seven children, four of whom are now living: Edward, born October 15, 1851, resides in Michigan; Hester, born August 14, 1853, died June 17, 1881; Byron, born April 4, 1861; Alice, born March 27, 1862, died June 5, 1876; Ida, born March 7, 1864, now Mrs. Burnside, of Amsterdam; Mansfield, born July 17, 1867; and Josephine, born September 22, 1870, died May 19, 1878. Mr. De Graff has been a successful farmer. He is prominent in politics and in 1892 was the only candidate elected on his ticket.

Reid, Myron W., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam October 22, 1845, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. After completion of his education he became deputy postmaster; afterwards clerk in the freight office of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. He next took a course in the commercial college in Rochester, and upon his return accepted a position with John Young & Son until 1869. In the year following he opened a drug store in company with Middleton Warnick (now of the Green Knitting Co.) under the firm of Warnick & Reid. Mr. Warnick retired from the business in December, 1881, and Mr. Reid has since conducted the business in his own name. Mr. Reid was manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for twelve years. June 17, 1869, he married Sarah, second, daughter of Ephraim and Altana D. Kellogg formerly of Burtonville. They have one son who is assisting his father in the drug store. Mr. Reid is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84 F. & A. M. of Amsterdam Chapter No. 81 R. A. M., and several other societies.

Swart, Isaac W., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born on the same farm that he now lives on June 28, 1804, a son of William and Maria (Vedder) Swart. William, his father, born in 1767, was a son of Jeremiah Swart, who came from Holland previous to 1740 and settled on the banks of the Mohawk. He was the father of eight children, five sons and three daughters. The five boys were among the earliest settlers of this section; three of them locating on the south side—Josiah, Walter and Benjamin; the other two on the north (or in Amsterdam) were John and William. Their grandfather was named Vedder, and he lived in the old fort above Amsterdam known

as Fort Johnson. At one time he was captured by the Indians and taken to their camp about a day's travel from the fort; but he had a friend in their camp; he had befriended an Indian chief at one time, and after the rest of the party were asleep he liberated Mr. Vedder, who arrived home at Fort Johnson the next morning. William, the father of our subject, bought with his farm an old mill from Lewis Groat, and on the same site, in 1807, he built another mill which still stands. The early life of Isaac was spent at home; he attended the public school and received a good business education. At the age of twenty-eight he married Margaret Vedder, daughter of Harmon Vedder of Florida. Two years after he built a house where he now lives. In 1855, when the New York Central was being built, he made a hotel of his home and conducted it as such for seventeen years. Mrs. Swart died April 16, 1869; their four children had died before that time. December 11, 1872, he married Anna E. Weast of Schenectady county, and they have one child, Ada, born July 24, 1874. A history could be written of this family, as they are numerous and prosperous, and can trace their ancestry back to the earliest history of our country. Mr. Swart remembers the war of 1812 and the large number of soldiers who marched by his father's home up the Mohawk valley. He is quite strong and healthy, has alway been secluded but very influential in the town. At one time he conducted a large broom mill, furnishing the New York Central company.

Hewitt, Daniel C., Amsterdam, Rockton p. o., was born in Philadelphia January 27, 1834, and is a son of Ira and Eliza (Warner) Hewitt. Ira, father of our subject, was a native of this country, but his grandfather came from Sweden, while the ancestry of Eliza (Warner) Hewitt is English. The name originally was spelled "Huewitt," but time has modified it to its present form. In 1841 the parents of our subject came to this county and located at Manny's Corners, where Daniel was sent to the public school. They remained here but two years, when they moved to Fort Johnson, leaving there in 1844 to go to Amsterdam. Mr. Hewitt conducted a bakery where the city post-office now stands, for one year, and then they came to Rockton where Daniel finished his education and where he has since lived. When Daniel was twenty-one he joined his brother, Henry H., and leased a stone quarry of Marcus Clizbe, and continued with this until 1864. In 1863 he suffered the misfortune of losing all his hard-earned savings. He enlisted in 1864 in the U. S. navy and saw service at both battles at Fort Fisher, and was in the blockade service on the coast of North Carolina. He returned in 1865, and that fall he joined his brother Nias and started a lime and stone business in connection with their quarry and cut stone. He has been twice married; his first marriage was January 5, 1860, to Mary L. Dickson of Amsterdam, who died in the following December; his second marriage was October 23, 1867, to Jane S. Gillies of Amsterdam, a daughter of John S. Gillies, a merchant of Rockton. They are the parents of nine children, six of whom are living: Horace G., born July 21, 1868; Jennie M., born May 4, 1872; Daniel C., jr., born August 5, 1874; Nias, born December 17, 1879; Agnes L., born September 9, 1883; Henrietta E., born July 3, 1887. Mr. Hewitt has, next to Divine Providence, only himself to thank for his prosperity, as what he has he made himself by hard work and good management. He assisted his son on the 1st

of January, 1892, to start a general store in Rockton, which is run under the firm of D. C. Hewitt & Son, and is a very successful establishment.

Van Wie, Daniel G., Palatine, was born in Palatine January 23, 1843, and is a son of George and Maria (Wohlgemuth) Van Wie. His father was born here September 3, 1814, and had but one child, Daniel G. The early life of the latter was spent in Canajoharie, and when he was six years old his parents returned to Palatine, where he was educated in the common schools and assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-eight when he assumed control and has since successfully conducted it. In 1887 Mr. Van Wie bought the farm now occupied by his son, consisting of 110 acres, and in 1888, he, in company with his father-in-law, bought the James R. Van Evera place in Canajoharie, consisting of 178 acres, which in addition to the homestead of 135 acres, makes him one of the largest land owners of this section. In 1864 Mr. Van Wie married Margaret L., daughter of Peter B. Snell of Palatine, and they have four children: George D., a farmer in Palatine; Alice M., wife of Elmer Gramps of Palatine; Earl P. and Everett S. Mr. Van Wie has taken an active interest in the politics of his town, and was supervisor in 1885, being re-elected in 1886-87, during the last session being on the board of equalization, he saved the town some \$800 in taxes. He is the present assessor of the town. He is a director of the Farmers' Insurance company of the town of Palatine, member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79, F. & A. M.; Palatine Union Lodge (Grange), and secretary of the order. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wie, daughter and one son, are members of the Reformed church of Canajoharie.

Gray, Charles S., Palatine, was born in Palatine in 1856. He is a son of Sidney Gray, a son of Andrew S. Gray, a son of Samuel Gray, who came from Ireland and settled in Palatine. Andrew S. Gray was born in Palatine and was a farmer. He married Elizabeth Phillips, who bore him four sons and two daughters. He was a member of Assembly, and he and his family were members of the Reformed church. He died in 1856. Sidney Gray was born in 1820 in Palatine, was a farmer, and married Annie (Christman) Nellis, and had four sons and one daughter. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church. He died in 1882. Charles S. Gray was raised on a farm, and married in 1873, Almira, daughter of Richard Gilman of Palatine. She died in 1883, and in 1886 he married Estella M., daughter of Jeremiah and Catherine (Snell) Strayer of Palatine. Mr. Strayer and wife had three daughters and one son. The children of Charles S. Gray are: Ella, Clarence and Lavere, all living. Mr. Gray has always been a farmer and is a member of Stone Arabia Grange No. 690, and of the Reformed church at Stone Arabia.

Dillenback, John, Palatine, was born in Palatine December 25, 1840, and is a son of Andrew A. Dillenback, whose father was Andrew Dillenback. Andrew A. was born in Palatine September 18, 1800, reared on a farm, and married Margaret Neahr, who bore him four sons and four daughters. He was a farmer, a Democrat, and held several town offices; he and his wife were Lutherans. He died January 6, 1881, and his wife December 14, 1874. John Dillenback, in 1872, married Eliza, daughter of John and Catherine (Dillenback) Nestle. They have two children: Martha E., born June 11, 1873; and Albert N., born September 22, 1874. Mr. Dillenback has been inspector of

elections several times, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Stone Arabia.

Rice, Jonas, Palatine, was born in Danube, Herkimer county, September 10, 1835, a son of Jonas Rice, whose father was John Rice, a native of Danube where he lived and died. He raised four sons and three daughters. Jonas Rice, senior, was born in 1801. He was a highway commissioner, captain in the militia, and was in the war of 1812. He married Eva Klock of Montgomery county, who bore him four sons and four daughters. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Jonas Rice, the subject, was raised on a farm and attended the common school. He married Catherine Brower of Palatine, born May 23, 1848. She is a daughter of Frederick and Hannah (Nellis) Brower, who had two children. The father of Frederick was Herman, whose father was Herman, a son of William, a native of Holland, who came to America about 1700 and settled in Palatine. The land on which he settled is now owned by the fifth generation. William Brower married Rebecca Vedder, who bore him four sons and four daughters, the first child being born in 1713. Herman, father of Frederick, was born in 1768 and died in 1874. His wife was Magdaline Doxtater, born in 1778, and died in 1851. They have had five sons and eight daughters, and were members of the Reformed church. Frederick Brower was born April 22, 1818, and married Hannah Nellis, October 27, 1843. She was a daughter of Peter and Hannah (Doxtater) Nellis, parents of five sons and eight daughters, all but three of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Rice have the following children: Annie E., Cora, Gertrude W. (deceased), Libbie, Fred J., Kittie, Leslie H. Mr. Rice has always been a farmer; he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Stone Arabia.

Showerman, Menzo, Palatine, was born in Palatine, July 19, 1852, a son of Henry Showerman, also a native of Palatine. The latter was educated at the common school and for fifteen years followed coopering (his father being a cooper and shoemaker), and since has been engaged at farming. He married Annie, daughter of Joshua Dillenback, of Palatine, and had four sons and one daughter. They now reside with Menzo, and are members of the East Palatine Reformed church. Menzo Showerman was raised on a farm and attended the common school; in 1873 he married Caroline, daughter of Conrad Loucks. Their children are Annie L., Bertha M., and Earl H., all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Loucks are members of the East Palatine Reformed church.

Spraker, Frasier, Palatine Bridge, was born at Palatine Bridge, September 9, 1825, a son of Livingston and Sarah (Leonard) Spraker. Livingston, who was the fourth son of Jost Spraker, was born in July, 1803, and early in life became a conspicuous figure in public affairs. He was several times supervisor of the town and was at one time sheriff of the county; was also one of the original founders, and a director of the National Spraker Bank of Canajoharie, and also the National Mohawk River Bank of Fonda. He was one of the original subscribers to the old Fort Plain Bank and was at one time vice-president of that institution. He was also a stockholder in both the Herkimer County and Montgomery County Banks. He was a director and for a number of years a member of the board of auditors of the Utica and Schenectady railroad, which subsequently became the N. Y. C. RR, in which he was director and also anti-

tor. He was one of the founders of the Wagner Palace Car Company, and was a delegate from this district to the Democratic National Convention of 1864. He was one of the leading Democrats of Montgomery county during his whole lifetime. He married Sarah Leonard of Massachusetts, and they had seven children who reached maturity, two dying in infancy. Frasier, the subject of our sketch, is the only one now living. He received his education at Union College, graduating in the class of 1850 at the age of twenty-five. He commenced the reading of law and was at the same time a deputy sheriff. He was admitted to practice at the bar in 1852 at Ballston Spa, before Judge Cady and Judge Page. He continued practice in this profession until about 1870, and during this time was a director of the National Mohawk River Bank and the National Spraker Bank. He was a member of the discount committee and also of the vaults committee of each bank, and still holds the same positions. He is now president of the National Spraker Bank of Canajoharie, to which he was elected in September, 1880. In politics he is a Democrat. He married in 1854, Catharine Fredenburgh, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of Columbia county. They have four children: Benjamin F., a lawyer of Canajoharie; Sarah V., wife of Lawyer W. G. Cook of Brooklyn; Helena E., and Anna V. P. Mr. Spraker is a member of Hamilton Lodge F. & A. M., and a strong supporter of St. Mark's Lutheran church of Canajoharie, of which he has been one of the trustees for a number of years.

Wagner, Oliver G., Palatine (deceased), was born in Palatine. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He married Mary E. Snyder, a native of Palatine, and daughter of Jacob and Dolly (Fox) Snyder, who reared two sons and one daughter. Mr. Snyder was a shoemaker and at his death owned a farm. Jacob's father (Ludwig) was an early settler of Montgomery county; he and his wife both died in St. Lawrence county. Jacob Snyder and wife were members of the Reformed church at Fort Plain. He died in Palatine in 1838 and his wife in 1890. Oliver C. Wagner and wife had two daughters, Ida and Carrie; there is also an adopted son, Frank A. Mr. Wagner died April 25, 1892.

Leip, John, Palatine, was born in Berlin, Germany. His parents were Jacob and Margaret Leip, who raised three sons and two daughters. Jacob was a farmer, and is still living at the age of eighty-two years, and wife at eighty-one. John Leip was raised on a farm and received a good education in Germany. He was eighteen years of age when he came to Palatine—a poor boy without friends, and was obliged to sleep without shelter for several nights. For ten years he worked on a farm, and for sixteen years he was in the employ of the N. Y. C. RR. He has become a well-to-do resident of Nelliston. He married, first in 1855, Catherine Newman, of Germany. She died childless in 1884, and in 1885 he married second, Delia, daughter of Christian and Dorothy (Berghart) Newman of Palatine. They have three sons: John, Lewis and Charles. Mr. Leip has been president of Nelliston and also trustee. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Fort Plain.

Cranker, John, Palatine, was born in Palatine February 18, 1845. His father was John Cranker, a native of Mohawk and a farmer, who married Miss Peeler, a native of Palatine, by whom he had two sons and three daughters; one son died in infancy.

Mr. Cranker was a Mason, and died in 1855; his wife survives him. After the death of his father, John, jr., followed farming until eighteen years of age, when he and his brother-in-law engaged in trucking in Fort Plain; they also run a lime kiln and stone quarry for a number of years. In 1890 he bought the American House in Nelliston and has since conducted it. He has been president of the village one year and alderman two years. He enlisted in 1864 in the 192d New York Volunteers and served until the close of the war. At the age of twenty-four he married Elizabeth Beck, a native of Albany; their children are Flora, Charles, Elsie and Dora, all living in Palatine.

Shaper, Henry A., Palatine, was born in Canajoharie September 7, 1857, a son of Augustus and Sophia (Shineman) Shaper. Augustus, the father of Henry A., was born in Germany, coming to this country with his parents when only three years old. They located in Canajoharie and when he reached manhood, after receiving a common school education, he engaged with his brother in the stone cutter's trade, which he has since followed, with the exception of six years spent on a farm. He has had five children, four of whom survive: Ida, a school teacher of Canajoharie; William C., a superintendent of a quarry of the Mohawk Valley Stone Company; Lena, who lives at home; and Henry A. The life of the latter has been spent in this town; he was educated in the Canajoharie Academy, and at the age of twenty he went in with his father to learn the stone cutter's trade, which he followed until 1888, when he went into partnership with William N. Johnson, as proprietors of the stone quarries in Palatine. He is now general manager of the Mohawk Valley Stone Company. He was married April 29, 1883, to Margaret E. Burns of St. Paul, Minn., and they have seven children: Edward, Irving, Lena, Howard, Henry, Bernard and Margaret. Mr. Shaper is one of the leading men of the village, of which he now holds the office of trustee. He is also the sachem of the I. O. of R. M., and treasurer of the Royal Arcanum; a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79; F. & A. M., and a member of the German Lutheran church of Canajoharie.

Empie, Clark, Palatine, was born in Palatine June 26, 1853. His father was Joshua Empie; his grandfather, John Empie; and his great-grandfather John F. Empie of revolutionary fame, who settled in Ephratah, near where Clark Empie now lives, and where he lived and died. John Empie was born in Ephratah, married Nancy, daughter of George Getman, and had eight children, three of whom survive. He was a farmer, and died in Ephratah December 12, 1864, aged sixty-three; his wife also died there. Joshua Empie was born in Ephratah November 9, 1814, and married, July 19, 1838, Eliza (born January 10, 1818), daughter of John E. and Nancy (Snell) Gramps, who bore him four sons. He was a farmer, held many town offices, and with his family was identified with the Dutch Reformed church. Clark Empie was raised on the farm and educated at the common school. August 15, 1885, he married Lizzie I., daughter of Edward and Artemisia Gray, and a native of Oppenheim. They have two children, Ruby J. and Alton. Mr. Empie is a Republican.

Saltsman, Romain, Palatine, was born in Palatine May 25, 1857. His parents were Jacob H. and Nancy M. Saltsman. He was brought up a farmer and was educated in the

common schools and Fort Plain Seminary. October 5, 1881, he married Mary E., daughter of John and Eleanor (Van Vost) Empie of Ephratah. They have three children: Laura A., Lloyd J. and Warren D. When seventeen years of age Mr. Saltsman began teaching school, following it for ten years. He belongs to Fort Plain Lodge No. 66, K. of P., and Stone Arabia Grange No. 690, of which he has been secretary since its organization. He is an active Republican, and has been supervisor of elections. He and family are faithful supporters of the Lutheran church at Stone Arabia. Jacob H. Saltsman, father of Romain, was born in Palatine December 29, 1825, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Lipe) Saltsman. He was raised a farmer and educated at the common school. In 1852 he married Nancy M., daughter of John C. Kilts. He has always been a farmer, is a Republican, and with his family are Lutherans. John C. Kilts, son of Conrad Kilts, was born in Palatine in 1800. He married Nancy Nellis, and had eight children. The family belonged to the Reformed church. Mr. Kilts died in 1865 and his wife in 1877.

Miller, Irvin, Palatine, was born in Minden February 3, 1855, a son of John Miller, a native of Minden. Jonas Miller was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He married Jennette (born in Minden), a daughter of George and Sophia McKenzie, natives of Scotland. They had three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living except the eldest. Mr. Miller is a farmer, and resides on the farm, where he was born. He is a Republican. Irvin Miller was raised on the farm and was educated in the common school. At the age of sixteen he began clerking for Smith Bros. of St. Johnsville. He made two trips to the west, locating first in Illinois, and second in Wisconsin; in both places his stay was short. In 1878 he married Jennie (born in Minden), daughter of D. C. Cox of St. Johnsville. He was engaged in business with D. C. Cox for three years, and came to Palatine in 1881 and began the manufacture of straw board, and has since continued that business at Palatine church.

Beck, Peter A., Palatine, was born in Palatine, June 10, 1831. His father was Benjamin Beck and his grandfather John Beck, a native of Germany, who came to this country in 1784, married Mary Nellis of Palatine, and had five sons and one daughter. His wife inherited forty acres of land from the old homestead, and to this Mr. Beck added forty acres; upon this farm they lived and died—he, April 28, 1847, and she in 1848. Benjamin Beck was born in Palatine in 1802. He married Elizabeth Reas, who bore him two sons and four daughters. He was always a farmer, and he and his family were Lutherans. He died in Palatine December 26, 1886, and his wife April 26, 1884. Peter A. Beck was educated in the common schools, and reared on the farm where he always lived. September 4, 1834, he married Elizabeth, daughter of David and Catharine (Claus) Gray of Ephratah. They have four children: Walter, who resides on the homestead, and who married Alice, daughter of Peter J. Nellis of Palatine, and who have two children: Ward P. and Clinton; Romea, now Mrs. George Baudet of Ephratah; Elvira, now Mrs. Delbert Eacker of Johnstown; and Lizzie E., now Mrs. Dewitt Dorn of Ephratah. Mr. Beck owns 171 acres of land; he keeps a large dairy; he is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. His son Walter is a member of the Stone Arabia Grange No. 690.

Wood, W. W., Palatine, was born in Ephratah. His father was John V. Wood and his grandfather John Wood. The latter was born April 12, 1778, married Nancy Murray (born September 24, 1779), and had eleven children. He came to Ephratah at an early day and lived and died there. John V. Wood was born in Ephratah, December 27, 1818, was raised on a farm, but spent most of his life as a sawyer. He married first, Nancy Sharp, who died about a year after. He then married, December 22, 1850, Mary Cretser (born February 6, 1828, in Ephratah). They had four sons and five daughters. He died April 16, 1876, and his wife February 6, 1885. W. W. Wood was brought up on a farm and was educated at the common school. In 1874, with his brother-in-law, W. M. Mowrey, he began the manufacture of straw board at Garoga, and in 1887 came to Wagner's Hollow, and is now one of the firm of Mowrey & Wood. Mr. Wood is member of Garoga Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M., is an active Democrat, and has served as inspector of elections and collector.

Cook, George, Palatine, was born in Oppenheim, July 28, 1846. His father was Jacob J. Cook, and his grandfather, George Cook, was a native of Germany, who came to Fulton county at an early day and began farming. He had four sons and two daughters, and died in Montgomery county. Jacob J. Cook was born in 1812 near Albany, and went to Oppenheim. He married Mary, a daughter of Samuel Barker of Oppenheim. They had seven sons and two daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter survive. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and belonged to the state militia. George Cook was raised on a farm and was educated at the common school. He married Lovina (born in Palatine), a daughter of Nathan Getman of Ephratah, a farmer, whose wife was Nancy Claus, and who had three sons and four daughters. Mr. Cook and his wife have had four children: Nathan, Chauncey, Jennie and Mabel (deceased). In 1863 Mr. Cook enlisted in the Thirteenth New York Heavy Artillery and served to the close of the war; he was at Fort Fisher and Fort Vassel in North Carolina, and Fort Ringgold, Virginia. He has always been a farmer, is a member of Mohawk Valley Lodge, No. 66, K. of P., also of Uniform Rank, No. 22, at Fort Plain. He and family are identified with the Dutch Reformed Church.

Rickard, Frederick, Palatine, was born in Palatine, May 7, 1854, a son of Josiah and Catherine L. (Nellis) Rickard, mentioned elsewhere in this book. He was brought up on a farm and educated at the common school. December 20, 1887, he married Almira (born in Palatine November, 1862), daughter of William and Louisa Abel—he a native of Germany and she of Palatine. Mr. Abel and wife had four sons and two daughters; he died in 1872, and his widow resides in Palatine. The children of Frederick Rickard and wife are Warren N. and Harry. Mr. Rickard is a cheese manufacturer and farmer, also a member of Stone Arabia Grange No. 690. He and family attend the Dutch Reformed Church.

Snell, Peter B., Palatine, was born in Danube, Herkimer county, April 15, 1820. His father was Conrad Snell, who was born at Snell's Bush in 1777, and married Margaret Bellinger of Danube. He died in 1860, and his wife died at the age of sixty-five. His paternal grandfather was Peter Snell, whose wife was Mary Kilts. He served in the revolutionary war, after which he settled in Snell's Bush and lived there until his

death. Peter B. Snell was reared on a farm and obtained his education at the common school. In 1844 he married Maria, a daughter of Peter P. Smith of Danube. They have had eight children: Margaret, Catherine, Alice, Ida, Annie (deceased), Ella, Navina and John P. In 1850 Mr. Snell came to Palatine from Ingham's Hollow, where he had lived three years. He now owns 160 acres in Palatine, on which he has erected good buildings. He runs a dairy and raise hops, having been engaged in the latter business for twenty-seven years. He is a Democrat, a member of Union Grange No. 580, and has been town auditor.

Walrath, Reuben K., Palatine, was born in Palatine, February 4, 1818. His father was Peter P.; his grandfather, Peter H.; and his great-grandfather, Henry Walrath, who bought the land now owned by Reuben K., as well as considerable other land in Palatine. He was buried on the farm now owned by Peter Ehle. Peter H. Walrath was born in Palatine in 1766; he married Annie E. Hillegas (born in 1763), who bore him seven daughters and two sons; he built a log house on the farm now owned by Reuben K., and lived, died and was buried there. Peter P. Walrath was born on the homestead, September 18, 1793, married Evaline, daughter of George G. Klock (born June 2, 1792) of St. Johnsville, and had one child, Reuben K. The family belonged to the M. E. Church. He died March 12, 1865, and his wife August 2, of the same year. Reuben K. Walrath was educated in the common school, and has always lived on the farm where he was born. December 24, 1840, he married Marion, daughter of John and Sarah (Wicks) De Forest of Minden, who had three sons and two daughters, and who both died in Minden. Reuben K. Walrath and wife have had children as follows: Helen A., born August 16, 1842, died October 22, 1879; Minerva A., born August 3, 1844, died April 30, 1859; Albert P., born July 10, 1848, who lives in Wilmington, Del., and is in the employ of Postmaster-General Wanamaker at Philadelphia; Marion A., born October 5, 1850, died December 13, 1869. Mr. Walrath is a Republican, and he and family are members of the M. E. Church at Canajoharie, in which he has been class leader for the last fifty years.

Wohlgemuth, Peter C., Palatine, was born in Palatine, June 27, 1854, a son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Coughnet) Wohlgemuth. For five generations the family have owned this farm. The great-grandfather, John, was the father of Jacob. The latter had five children, of whom but one is now living, Leonard, who was born in 1819 and married first Dorothy Coughnet. She died and he married second Elizabeth, sister of his first wife, by whom he had five children, four of whom survive: Maggie A., wife of Vedder Yates, of Root; Catherine, wife of W. H. Richard, of Sprakers; Jacob L., a traveling man of Canajoharie; and Peter C. The latter was educated in Fort Plain Seminary and Macedon Academy, and married, October 11, 1876, Ella, daughter of Peter B. Snell of Palatine, by whom he had four children: Claude P., born September 30, 1877; Carl L., born January 29, 1880; Fred J., born December 5, 1881; and Frank S., born March 1, 1887. The year of his marriage Mr. Wohlgemuth took charge of the homestead farm. In 1891 he was elected commissioner of highways of the town of Palatine, on the Democratic ticket. He is lecturer of the Palatine Union Grange and was chosen as master of the Montgomery and Fulton County Council the year it was formed, continuing through the second year as master of Montgomery Council, the

Fulton county people having organized a council of their own. He was also master of his home lodge for about three years. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church of Canajoharie.

Failing, Abram, Palatine, was born in Oppenheim, December 19, 1846, a son of Abram and Catharine (Baun) Failing. Abram, the father, was a farmer and owned a saw-mill in Oppenheim. The early life of the latter was spent in St. Johnsville, where his parents moved when he was but two years old. He was educated there and in the common schools of Mayfield and Oppenheim. At the age of fifteen he enlisted at the breaking out of the war, in Company B, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment Volunteer Infantry for three years. He first saw service at Harper's Ferry, and was captured there under General Miles, but was paroled and sent back to the federal lines. He was sent from thence to Chicago for western service, but was ordered back to Washington and was on guard duty for two months and then went to Fortress Monroe; from thence to Yorktown, and then to South Carolina. He was at Beaufort about five months and then went to Jacksonville. He was in the battle of Olustee where he was wounded and lay in hospital four months. He then went to Richmond where, July 30, 1864, he was injured by the blowing up of the mine at Petersburg, which did not deter him from engaging in the fight at Deep Bottom on the north side James river. He was seriously wounded and was discharged on account of his wound, May 11, 1865. He engaged, after his return home, in the cheese-making business, following this fourteen years. He then went into the poultry business which he follows at present. His first wife, Anna E. Groff, died November 22, 1882, leaving three children: Mattie E., Etta and Reuben. Mr. Failing married second Alice Atkins, widow of Byron Flanders, and they have three children: Norman, Arthur and Willie. Mr. Failing is a member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 79, F. and A. M. and also of Post Farrall, G. A. R.

Nellis, James W., Palatine, was born in Fulton county, February 10, 1850. His father was Henry Nellis, a native of Montgomery county, who married Catherine Fox and had five sons and three daughters; they were farmers and members of the Lutheran church. Henry Nellis was born in Montgomery county in 1824, was reared on a farm and attended the public schools. He married Eve, daughter of Jacob J. and Ellen (Quackenbush) Wilson, who bore him seven daughters and two sons, of whom the subject is the sixth child. Mr. Nellis was a farmer, held many town offices, and he and his family were Lutherans. He died in 1882; his widow survives. James W. Nellis was educated at the public schools and remained on the farm until twenty-four years of age. In 1879 he married Emma, daughter of Henry and Nancy Osborne of Fulton county, who bore him the following named children: Carrie, Gertie, Mabel and Lester H. October 1, 1874, he came to Nelliston and engaged in the butcher business, which he followed eight years. He was then elected justice of the peace and took up the practice of law, which he followed until 1888. He has been justice of the peace eleven years, and twice elected justice of sessions. In 1888 he began the bakery and grocery business, which he still continues. He is president of the village of Nelliston and his wife is a member of the Dutch Reformed church.

Nellis, Harvey, Palatine, was born in Palatine, May 16, 1846, a son of John J., a son of John I., whose father was John L., and was a son of Lewis Nellis, who came from Germany and settled where Harvey Nellis now resides. John I. was born in Palatine in 1765, served in the revolutionary army, at one time owned a large tract of land, and died in 1841. John I. was born in Palatine, September 12, 1790, married, November 28, 1813, Annie Christman, and had one son and three daughters. They were Lutherans. He died April 10, 1867, and she November 17, 1874. John J. Nellis was born August 12, 1814 in Palatine, was raised on a farm, and married January 29, 1837, Elizabeth Fox, who bore him five sons and three daughters. Mr. Nellis was a captain in the militia, and he and his wife were Lutherans. He died September 12, 1875, and his widow still is living. Harvey Nellis was raised on a farm and educated at the common school. In 1877 he married Ervina, daughter of Simeon and Mary (Gray) Claus. Mr. Claus was born in Montgomery county and his wife in Fulton county; they had eleven children. Simeon Claus's father was Nicholas, whose father was killed during the revolutionary war. He was shot while unloading wheat on his farm; and his wife saved her life by hiding under the sheaves of wheat. Harvey Nellis and wife have had five children: Emma, John J., Adam (deceased), Mary and Harvey. Mr. Nellis has always been a farmer, is a member of Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, F. and A. M., and he and his family are identified with the Lutheran Church.

Van Wie, George D., Palatine, was born in Palatine where his father, Daniel G., now lives, June 30, 1864. His whole life has been spent in this town. He was educated in the Clinton Liberal Institute, and assisted his father on the farm till January, 1889, when he moved on the farm of his present residence, a fine place of 110 acres, the principal crop being hops, of which he has about 5,000 plants, and employs during the busy time about sixty workers. He married in 1887, on September 28, Janie, daughter of William Miller of Palatine, and they have one child, Margerie J., born February 16, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wie are members of the Reformed church of Canajoharie.

Billington, Spencer, Florida, was born at Bull's Head in Florida on April 25, 1850, being one of four children of Amos and Sallie M. (Sweet) Billington. In 1870 he graduated at the State Normal school at Albany, and for the following ten years he followed the profession of teaching school, and was highly popular and successful. In 1880 he engaged in business as a hay dealer, which occupation he has followed to the present time. He was for over two years a member of the commission house of Plowman & Billington, located at No. 15 New York Hay Exchange, Thirty-third street and Eleventh avenue, New York, and at Fort Hunter in the town of Florida, but now carries on the business in his own name, Mr. Plowman having gone out of the firm. On the 24th of April, 1878, he was married to Mary S., daughter of Samuel and Minerva Francisco of the town of Florida. They have five children: George F., Nellie E., Herbert L., Lena D. and M. Janet.

Shull, Alfred W., Stone Arabia, was born in the town of Palatine on the same farm he now resides on, December 12, 1834, and is a son of Daniel L. and Mary (Cook) Schull. Colonel William, the grandfather, was colonel of the 101st militia, receiving the appointment in April, 1818. He came to this town from Lewis county in 1834, and

located on this same farm. He married Eliza Hurty, and they had four children: Catharine, Daniel L., Mary and Alfred. Daniel L., father of our subject, was born near Lowville, Lewis county, in 1810, and married Mary, daughter of Captain Rudolph C. Cook of this town. He was a captain of militia in the war of 1812. The first occupation of Daniel L. was that of teacher, which he followed but two years, and then joined with his father in the purchase of the old homestead farm, where he continued until his death. He was killed August 20, 1869, by a stroke of lightning, leaving four children by his first wife, Mary Cook, who died in 1848; and three by his second wife, who still lives. Her name was Catharine Shults; the children were as follows: Catharine, who died in 1884, aged thirty-six; Elizabeth, wife of Walter Shoemaker of Chicago; and Charlotte, who died aged eleven years. The children by his second wife are: Mary, wife of James Broat of Iowa; John of Sioux City, Iowa, a lumber merchant in company with his brother, Willard C., the other son. The whole life of Alfred W. was spent on the farm, and he was educated at the Carlisle and Cooperstown Seminaries. After leaving school he returned to the old farm. After his father's death he bought the interests of the other heirs, and has since successfully conducted it. He also owns the hotel on the opposite side of the road. In 1875 he married Martha M. Wallace, by whom he had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, now attending the Chicago University, and a son, Alfred W., jr., who died in infancy. Mrs. Shull died in January, 1884, and Mr. Shull married, second, in June, 1888, Ida Gray, daughter of Samuel Gray of Palatine. Mr. Shull has never taken an active interest in politics, and is a supporter of the Republican party. He is a successful farmer, owning a farm of 208 acres (the home farm on which was located Fort Paris of revolutionary days); also two other farms in Palatine, and one in Fulton county. Mr. Shull has a bell hanging in a belfry on his wagon-house, which originally bore the inscription of "Sir William Johnson, baronet, 1774, made by Miller & Ross in Eliz Town." The bell weighs over 100 pounds, and was originally used by Sir William, and after his death by his son, Sir John, as a dinner bell. Upon the confiscation of the property of Sir John, it was purchased by several members of Caughnawaga church and placed upon that building. Here it continued to perform its sacred mission for over fifty years, when the entire church property having been purchased by Rev. Douw Van O'Linda, the bell was sold by him to Daniel L. Shull, who restored it to its original use, that of a dinner bell. In 1862, Mr. Shull for the reason that it was cracked and imperfect in tone, had it recast.

Brower, Harmon, Palatine, was born in Palatine August 18, 1844, and is a son of Harmon H. and Margaret (Spoor) Brower. The great-grandfather of the subject, (Harmon Brower), was a native of this town, and had a son Harmon, also born here, who had thirteen children, Harmon H. being the oldest son. He was born in 1804, and always lived on the old homestead, on which various members of the family have lived for 150 years. During the revolution part of the woodwork of this old house was burned, but part of the wall of the original house is still standing, which was first built by the great-grandfather. They have been a family of farmers, and controlled about 200 acres of the best agricultural land in this section. Harmon H. had five children: Sarah, wife of Daniel Yanney of Ephratah; Mary, widow of William Brower of Mohawk; Helen, wife of Charles Chrissman of Mohawk; John, a farmer on the home-

stead; and our subject. The latter received a common school education and worked on the farm until he was twenty-nine years of age, when he bought his present residence of 115 acres, where he built a fine dwelling and added many improvements. In 1872 he married Maggie Schuyler of Mohawk and they have had four children: Herman H., Maud, Hamilton S., and Bert. In 1870 Mr. Brower was elected town clerk of Palatine, and re-elected in 1871.

Dockstader, William, Palatine, was born in St. Johnsburg October 21, 1841, and is a son of Frederick and Keziah (Soules) Dockstader. Jacob P., the grandfather, a native of Palatine, was the father of ten children, of whom Frederick was the youngest son. He was born in Palatine in 1809, and while a young man removed to St. Johnsburg, where he followed his trade of shoemaking. He married in that town, Keziah Soules, who is still living, aged eighty-one years. They had ten children, ten of whom survive; Jacob, sexton of Tribes Hill cemetery; Benjamin, a farmer of Calker City, Kansas; Peter, a farmer of Ephratah; Nancy A., wife of Alonzo Aker of Palatine; George, a farmer of Ephratah; Uriah, of Johnstown; Mary, wife of Jacob Chrisman, a retired farmer of Palatine; and William, our subject. When the latter was three years old his parents moved to Ephratah, where he was educated in the common schools. He worked on the farm until his majority, when he spent nine years on different farms, and then went into the cheese business, which he has since followed being located at the Palatine Union factory three years, and the last sixteen years at his present location. He married in 1872, Sarah A. Getman, daughter of Uriah Getman of Palatine, and they have had three children: Eddy C., born December 16, 1872; Boyd D., born April 5, 1880; and Ida, born July 1, 1881. In 1885 Mr. Dockstader added to the cheese factory a grist and cider mill, which have proved quite a successful venture. His interest in politics is only for the success of the Democratic party, and not as an office-seeker.

Patterson, William H., Charleston, was born in Duaneburg February 29, 1858. He was the only child of Clark and Elizabeth (Liddle) Patterson. Clark Patterson, the father, was born in Connecticut, being one of eight children of William Patterson, a native of that State, who emigrated to Schenectady county in early life and who was a lieutenant in the revolutionary army. Elizabeth (Liddle) Patterson, the mother of William H., was one of seven children of Thomas and Jeannie (Robinson) Liddle, who was born in Scotland, coming here in early life. The others were Robert, John, Aleck, Romeyn and Peter Liddle and Jane (Mrs. Henry Wright). Mr. Patterson has always lived in Duaneburg and Charleston.

McDuffee, Judson, Charleston, was born in Charleston June 6, 1846, being one of three children of William and Temperance (Davis) McDuffee of Charleston, whose father and mother were born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Temperance Davis, the mother, was one of three children of Lyman and — (Vunck) Davis. Judson was married December 28, 1870, to Thankful Brown of Carlisle. She is one of eight children of David E. and Elizabeth (Dillenbeck) Brown. They have had seven children: Charles, Winfield L., William, Elizabeth, Ida May, Minnie and Newell G. (who died in childhood). With the exception of five years in business in New York, Mr. McDuffee has resided in Charleston, being a farmer and hay-buyer.

Egleston, Ervin J., Charleston, was born in Charleston December 24, 1849. He was one of four children of Simon and Caroline (Rockwell) Egleston; the others being Benjamin, William, and Perry Egleston. Simon, the father, was one of three children of Benjamin Egleston of Charleston; the others being Amos and Mehitable (Mrs. Peter Van Valkenberg). Caroline Rockwell, the mother, was born in Esperance, and was one of nine children of James Rockwell; the others being Lewis, Isaiah, Jerry, and Williams Rockwell, also Eliza (Mrs. John Diniiger), Louisa (Mrs. Spencer Knapp) and two who died. Ervin J. Egleston was married December 1, 1876, to Naomi Rockwell of Esperance, one of five children of Hiram and Nancy (Bradshaw) Rockwell; the others being Mary Jane (Mrs. Hiram Jones), and Eli Rockwell, and two who died in childhood.

Argersinger, Charles, of Glen, was born in Fulton county November 15, 1844, being one of five children of Martin C. and Jane (Cromwell) Argersinger. The others were Christian, Franklin B., Ella (Mrs. John Tompson), and Ida. His grandparents were Christian and Mary (Selmsen) Argersinger, the latter of Fulton county. His mother was one of four children of Peter Cromwell, the mother of Peter having been Elaine (Yost) Cromwell. Charles Argersinger married, June 11, 1872, Phoebe L. Voorhees, one of five children of Henry and Emma (Lansing) Voorhees, the others being Peter, John, James and Annie (Mrs. David Hubbs), the latter deceased. They have three children: Emma, Edward V., and Herbert W., who lives at home on the farm.

Stowitts, George P., Root, son of Jacob and Nancy (Lyker) Stowitts, was born where he now resides July 3, 1820, receiving a district school education. He owns 150 acres of the original homestead, and is a general farmer. He served as assessor on the Republican ticket. July 14, 1841, he married Charlotte Legg, born in Minden, Mass., and the daughter of Asa and Abigail (Benson) Legg. Asa Legg was of English origin, and the grandfather, David Legg, served throughout the revolution. Charlotte Legg came to Root in 1835. She received a district school education. Mr. and Mrs. Stowitts have three children: Jacob, Cornelius, a Presbyterian minister who was educated at Hamilton and Auburn; and Herbert, who died aged four years. They have also an adopted daughter, Emma, wife of L. A. Serviss. Mr. and Mrs. Stowitts have been lifelong members of the Reformed church. Mr. Stowitts was one of the organizers of, and is a stockholder in the Flat Creek cheese factory.

Leonardson, John D., Root, son of Aaron and Lana (Gross) Leonardson, was born in Root January 10, 1830, and received a district school education. He cared for his father until the death of the latter, and now owns the homestead of 108 acres. In December, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army and participated in the battle of Fair Oaks, and was a musician, and received his discharge August 31, 1865, at Richmond, Va. He returned home and resumed farming. He is a Republican in politics. He married Nancy, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Quackenbush) Van Valkenburg, and they have one daughter, Ada Maxwell. Mr. and Mrs. Leonardson have been members of the Lutheran church for thirty years. John T., grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the revolutionary war, was of Dutch origin and a farmer at Randall. His wife was Sarah Putnam and they had four sons and two daughters. They both died at Flat Creek. Aaron Leonardson was born in Root, and served in the war of 1812. He

was twice married, by his first wife he had two children. By his second wife he had five children, four of whom reached maturity: Eliza, Catharine, Henry and John D. Aaron died July 31, 1868, aged seventy-three years.

Lounsbury, Louis, Root, son of Louis, was born July 6, 1813, in the town of Onondaga, in the same county. His father was a shoemaker, and carried on that business near the Indian Reservation. Louis graduated from the Onondaga Academy and after leaving school entered the store of Orin Tyler, remaining about four years. He then entered a dry goods store in Syracuse, continuing three years. He next taught writing schools for four years in various towns, then ran a boat on the Erie canal for several years, and in 1850 he located at Yatesville and built a store, carrying on business for several years. He was superintendent of the Erie canal for three years, and then went to New York and became port warden there from 1858 to 1885. He then returned to this county where he has ever since resided. He was instrumental in getting the post-office established here, and called the office Randall. His son, John E., was the first postmaster. He married Mary A. Martin and had eight children, five of whom survive: Louis E., Helen Elizabeth, Thurlow Weed, Louise E., Darsey E., and John Edward, William B., and George H., the latter three deceased. Mr. Lounsbury has been a Republican ever since that party was organized.

Dievendorf, Charles, Root, son of William B. and Elizabeth (Dievendorf) Dievendorf, was born March 3, 1853, where he now resides. He was educated in the district schools and Fort Plain and Fairfield Academies. He resided with his father until the death of the latter, and now owns the homestead farm of 344 acres, besides another farm of 200 acres, and a half interest in 132 acres with his brothers. He also owns a farm in Schoharie county, 140 acres, and is a stockholder in the Fonda National Bank. He owns a half interest in Dievendorf & Snow's store at Canajoharie; also stock in the N. Y. C. & L. S. railroads; in the Western Union Telegraph Co.; and in the Flat Creek cheese factory. Mr. Dievendorf is a Democrat in politics. He has been twice married, first to Helen, daughter of Elias and Lucretia (Wessel) Lasher. They had three children: Elizabeth, William, and Lucretia. His wife died April 16, 1885, and he married second, Alice, daughter of Jesse and Ann E. (Countryman) Fox of Schoharie county, and had by her two children: Dewey and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Dievendorf are active in the Reformed church.

Failing, Robert C., Root, was born in Fort Plain March 4, 1836, and is a son of Philip and Lana (Nellis) Failing. He was reared on a farm and received a district school education. At the age of eighteen he left the homestead and spent two years in the west, returning at the end of that time, he lived on the farm until he was twenty-nine years of age. In the fall of 1867 he bought 100 acres where he now resides, adding later thirty acres. He makes a specialty of hops. He is Republican, and has served as trustee and supervisor, being only the second Republican who has ever been elected since the formation of the party. He was a delegate to the convention in 1885. April 6, 1865, he married Mary E., daughter of Russell and Margaret (Cornue) Bishop. They have one child, Alice V., wife of Frank Van Valkenburgh. His wife is a member of the Reformed church. His grandfather, John P. Failing (whose father came from Hol-

land and settled in Fort Plain), was born near the latter place in 1780, and died in 1840. He married Mary Casler, by whom he had four sons and five daughters, of whom one son, Philip, was born at Fort Plain June 30, 1809, and has been a farmer and hop grower. He retired wealthy, and is still active. He was one of the first organizers of the first Universalist church at Fort Plain. He reared three sons and three daughters, all living and married. His wife died March 1, 1891; she was born near Fort Plain, a daughter of John Nellis, who was a son of General George H. Nellis, a colonel and then general in the war of 1812. He was at Sackett's Harbor, and then served several terms in the assembly.

Lipe, Jacob L., Minden, second son of John A., was born in Minden October 20, 1796, and married Lany, daughter of John C. Ehle. She was born in Minden December 7, 1796. Their children were: Jeremiah, born May 25, 1821, died in infancy; Josiah, born November 2, 1823, resides in Minden; John Ehle; Delia, born January 11, 1829, widow of Thomas Parr, resides in Amsterdam; and Ann, born October 28, 1834, wife of Ephraim Miller of Little Falls. Jacob L. resided on the farm now occupied by his son, John E., where he died February 6, 1879. Mrs. Lipe died September 11, 1891. John Ehle Lipe was born in Minden September 7, 1826, and married, January 27, 1848, Susan, daughter of John and Margaret Coughtry. They have three children: Charles Ehle, born March 20, 1851, married Mary Sponable, and has one child, John Clifford, and carries on a machine shop in Syracuse; Ada C., born April 13, 1855, wife of T. Romayne Zimmerman of Minden; Willard Coughtry, born December 21, 1861, married Jennie Sponable, and has one child, Marjorie. He is engaged in the cigar box manufacturing business in Syracuse. John Ehle Lipe, has always been engaged in farming in Minden, and is a Republican in politics.

Wood, Herbert Coburn, Minden, was born at Fort Plain July 8, 1849, and is the oldest son of E. W. and Emily (Coburn) Wood. After attending the village schools he entered the Clinton Liberal Institute, but on account of ill health did not graduate. After a clerkship of two years in the grocery store of Wood, Clark & Hall, and on the retirement of the junior member of the firm, Mr. Wood obtained a partnership, the firm being Wood, Clark & Company. The senior Wood retired from the firm in 1881 and the firm became Clark & Wood, which continued till 1889, when Archie Stewart acquired an interest and the firm became Clark, Wood & Stewart. Mr. Stewart retired from the firm September 12, 1891, and F. H. Smith became a partner. William Clark disposed of his interest May 1, 1892, and the firm now consists of H. C. Wood and F. H. Smith. In politics Mr. Wood is a Republican. He married Sarah L., daughter of James E. Dewey of Fort Plain, and they have three children: Alice D., Edwin W., and Rexie L.

Lipe Family, The.—This family is of German extraction. One John A. Lipe, who was born August 1, 1764, was a merchant in Minden, and kept a store on what was known as Sand Hill in that town. He had also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was the only one engaged in mercantile business at that time in Minden. He married on November 11, 1788, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Lambert. She was born April 24, 1768. Of their ten children, one died in infancy. The others were: Elizabeth, born

January 2, 1793, married Andrew Bellinger, and died in Root; John I.; Jacob I.; Conrad, died aged twenty-one years; Catharine, born November 13, 1800, married John Walrath, and died in Minden; Margaret, born April 12, 1804, married Solomon Sanders, and died in New York; Maria, born May 18, 1805, married David Diefendorf, and died in Minden; Daniel I., born November 22, 1808, died in Michigan; and Susan, born November 26, 1811, resides in Fort Plain. John A. always lived in Minden, where he died. He married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth (Daggett) Keller. John I., the oldest son of the above family, was born in Minden March 3, 1795, and died in that town May 2, 1870. He married Maria, daughter of Adam Timmerman. She lived to be ninety years of age. Their children were: Eliza, who married Jonas Nestle, and died in Minden; Catharine, married Chauncey Getman, and died in Minden; Margaret, married David E. Casler, and died in Minden; Nancy, married Jacob Cook, and died in Illinois; Adam and Elvira, both died at the age of eight years. John I. was engaged in farming pursuits, also operated a saw and grist-mill, and lived just west of Fort Plain. Adam, the only son of John I., was born in Minden February 18, 1830, and married, December 27, 1853, Martha, daughter of John Adam Snell of Snell's Bush, Herkimer county; they had seven children: John Adam, a resident of Chicago; Mary Elvira, who married Michael Romain Keith, and died in Minden; Julia Camilla, died aged four and a half years; Francis Albert, married Sarah, daughter of Jacob C. Nellis, and has two children, Gieta, and an infant, and resides in Fort Plain; Herman Seeber, a resident of Fort Plain; Clara Elizabeth, wife of Henry Reibel of Fort Plain. They have one child: Herman Emiel Reibel, and Margaret Gertrude, who died aged sixteen. Adam Lipe was engaged in farming until 1875, when he came to Fort Plain, and bought what was known as the Montgomery House, changing the name to the Lipe House, which he carried on till his death, which occurred August 19, 1889.

Van Slyke Family, The.—Nicholas Van Slyke came from Holland and was one of the early settlers of the Mohawk valley. He married a Miss Luthers and had four children: Garret, who died in Herkimer county; John; David, who died in Minden; and Tinus, who died in Palatine. John of the above family was born in Minden, and died in that town in 1867 in his eighty-sixth year. He married Jane Schouten and had a family of fourteen children, viz.: Polly, married John Lewis and died in Minden; Eliza, married Peter Valentine, and died in Erie, Pa.; Nancy, widow of Henry Haven, resides at East Schuyler; Nicholas, lives in Minden; Margaret, died young; Emeline, married Joseph Sparks and died in Minden; Charlotte, died young; Jane, married Henry S. Baxter and died at Erie, Pa.; Catharine, died young; Livinia, widow of Milica Thompson, resides in Buren county, Michigan; Maria, widow of Charles Flambury, resides in Minden; Daniel; Lucinda, wife of Charles H. Hibbard of Manlius; Lifitte, married R. C. Canneni, and died at Minden. Daniel, the youngest son of the above family, was born in Palatine, September 30, 1832, and married Catharine Hess. Of their five children two died in infancy. The others are: John, born in Minden, November 24, 1859, married Ella McCauley, and has two children, Daniel and Edward; Charles, born in Minden, April 9, 1861, married Mrs. Addie (Wicks) Winslow. He was engaged in farming till 1891, and since then has conducted a cheese factory; Hat-

tie, wife of John H. Free of Chicago. Daniel is a Democrat in politics, and has been commissioner of highways. In 1853 he went to California, where he remained five years. Besides being engaged in farming, he has carried on lumbering and runs a saw-mill. He is proprietor of the Hallsville cheese factory.

Moyer Family, The.—One of the oldest, as well as one of the most numerous families in Minden, is the Moyer family. They are of German descent, but owing to the fact that no records have been preserved in the families, we are unable to give any definite information in reference to the earliest settlers of that name. Andrew Moyer was born in Minden March 12, 1777, and married Nancy, daughter of Abraham Arndt. They had six children: Solomon, Jacob A., Anna Maria, wife of Jacob Sanders of Minden; Catharine, who died young; Abraham; Helen, died in Minden. Andrew Moyer died July 29, 1867. Jacob A., son of Andrew, was born June 5, 1818, and married Amelia, daughter of Henry S. C. Mayer. Their children are Andrew Henry, born October 30, 1854, married Alice, daughter of William Lipe, has one child, May Louisa, born October 11, 1884; Ida Louisa, died young; Ralph, born May 18, 1860, married Florence, daughter of George Hisgen and lives at Ilion; Frank, born October 20, 1862, married Julia, daughter of Martin Flanders, has one child, Ray, and resides in Minden.

Moyer, Frederick, Minden, was born in Minden and married Mary Rickard, by whom he had ten children: Margaret, who married John Lambert, and died in Minden; John F.; David, died in Stark; Betsey, widow of Lorenzo Youngs, lives in Minden; Henry, resides in Johnstown; Isaac, died in Fort Plain; Maria, widow of Peter J. Miller of Stark; Jeremiah, died in Danube; Ann, widow of Cornelius Diefendorf, resides in Syracuse; and Ezra, who died in Minden. John F., the oldest son of Frederick, was born in Minden, August 28, 1805, and married, January 12, 1827, Nancy, daughter of Garret Youngs. She was born in Minden January 20, 1807. Their children were: Garret, who died in Minden; John Aaron; Mary Catharine, born May 20, 1832, wife of William Hess of Phoenix; Nancy Maria, who married Ira Dunckle, and died in Minden; Chauncey Lambert; Peter Alfred; Daniel Nathan; and John F., who died August 10, 1882. Peter Alfred, son of John F., was born in Minden September 20, 1838. He married Mahala, daughter of Abraham Jordan of Stark, and they have three children: Charles Aaron, married Roseda Williams, and has one child, Florence, they reside in Minden; Ellen, wife of James Thompson of Minden; and Nellie E.

Yost, John Sherburne, Minden, was born in Yost Station, June 1, 1858, and is the youngest son in a family of five children of Daniel and Phœbe (Fero) Yost. He attended the local schools and graduated in 1879 from the Fort Plain Seminary, and the same year commenced the study of law with his uncle, Judge George Yost. Admitted to the bar in 1879, he formed a partnership with Lester M. Weller. This firm was dissolved in 1883, when Mr. Yost went to St. Louis, and was a member of the law firm of Frost, Clardy & Co. He remained in St. Louis for a year and a half, when he returned to Fort Plain and since that time has practiced his profession, continuing his business making a specialty of criminal cases. In politics a Republican, he has never held any public offices. Mr. Yost married Catherine, daughter of James Carroll of St. Johnsville, and they have one child, William Frost, jr.

Zoller, William, Minden, was born at Ogdensburg, June 14, 1846, and is the third son of a family of ten children of James and Hulda (Greene) Zoller. In 1861 he became a student at the St. Lawrence University at Canton. In 1875 he entered Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in March, 1878. He had, previous to this, studied medicine with Dr. N. Child of Ogdensburg. He commenced the practice of his profession at Fort Plain the same year in which he graduated, and where he has since continued. He is a member of the St. Lawrence County Medical and the New York State Homœopathic societies. In politics a Republican, he is at present one of the county's coroners. He married Mrs. Juliette (Dillenbeck) Zoller.

Snyder, Henry C., Minden, was born in Minden January 14, 1829, and died in that town July, 7, 1889. He married Catharine, daughter of Peter Hoke, and they had three children: Jacob H., a resident of Danube; Emma and Willard. His father was Jacob Snyder, and he has always resided on the homestead in Minden, where he was engaged in farming. In politics a Democrat, he never was an aspirant for public office. Willard, the son of Henry G. Snyder, was born in Minden, September 10, 1864, received a common school education, and since his father's death has carried on the farm.

Weller, Edwin, Minden, was born in Minden February 15, 1847. His education was limited to the district school and he spent his early life on his father's farm, excepting a period of two or three years when he was engaged with his father in the plaster business at Fort Plain. Since 1870 he has carried on the old homestead farm, which is situated in the southern part of the town of Minden, and which he purchased in 1879. Politically he is a Republican. He married Mary Jane, daughter of the late Isaac Copley, and they have four children, viz.: Le Roy, Gerta, Lena and Grace.

Van Dusen, Barnet, Minden, was born at Greenbush, Rensselaer county, March 20, 1795, and married October 3, 1819, Nancy Yerdon. Their children were Elijah, born November 13, 1820, died in Minden; Harriet, born August 2, 1822, wife of Hiram Walrath of Minden; Davis, born October 6, 1824, died in Minden; James, born November 30, 1826, died in Minden; Robert born January 21, 1829, died in Virginia during the war; Maria, born April 6, 1831, wife of Noah Beckman of St. Johnsville; Solomon, born January 18, 1833, lives at Fort Plain; Rebecca, born February 27, 1835, wife of Adam Wiles of Minden; John P., born February 8, 1837, lives at Frey's Bush; Dewitt; Willie, born July 6, 1841, lives at St. Johnsville; Seward, died aged three years; and George J., died aged three years. Barnet lived in Minden, where he died. He was a harnessmaker and shoemaker and in latter years attended the town toll gate. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Dewitt, of the above family, was born in Minden, May 12, 1839, and married Helen Dix. They have one child, Alzetta May. He has been engaged in cheesemaking twenty-three years—nine years in Vermont, and the remainder of the time in Minden.

Smith, J. Cooper, Minden, was born in Oxford, Chenango county, July 21, 1827. His father, John Smith, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1789, and married Susan Hewes. The other children by this marriage were: William, a resident of Fort

Plain; James, living in Onaga, Kansas; Esther, married Dewitt C. Gibson, and died in Fort Plain; Robert, lives in Lyons; and Catharine, wife of John Diefendorf of Fort Plain. John came to America in 1819, locating at Hallsville, where, after remaining three years, he went to Oxford. He returned to Minden in 1828, where he died January 31, 1865. J. Cooper Smith married Catherine, daughter of Henry Sart of Minden. They have three children: Grant, a conductor on the Pullman Palace Car attached to the Royal Blue Line, between New York and Washington; Nettie and John. Mr. Smith went to California in 1852, being engaged in mining. After staying there two years, on returning home he worked on the *Yankee Blade* of Point Aquia. Returning to San Francisco, he continued mining two years longer, and came home in 1856. The following year he went to Lyons, where he was engaged in mercantile business till 1865. Since that time he has carried on farming in Minden. In politics he is a Democrat.

Sanders Family, The.—Of German descent, the first one of which we have been able to obtain any record, who settled in Minden, was Henry Sanders. He married a Miss Moyer and had three sons, Henry, Solomon and Jacob. The latter was born in Minden March 17, 1780, and died in that town April 21, 1856. He married Elizabeth Keller, and had seven children: Lany, who married Daniel Diefendorf, and died in Jefferson county; Elizabeth, widow of J. I. Zoller, resides in Minden; Henry C.; Jacob, a resident of Minden; Mary, also a resident of this town; Catharine and Nancy, twins, the former the wife of Horatio Nellis of Canajoharie, and the latter died young; Henry C., the oldest son of Jacob, was born in Minden March 20, 1814, and died April 21, 1887. He was twice married, and his surviving children are by his second wife, Mary Nellis. They are as follows: Emma, wife of Edward S. Van Deusen of Fort Plain; (Charles H. and Herbert, both died in infancy); and James H., born in Minden March 7, 1860, married Mrgdalena Klock. He is a graduate of the Utica Business College, and also learned telegraphy. He was for a short time on the Northern Central Railroad, and was also engaged in a general store at Farmington, Dakota. He returned to Minden in 1886 and has since been engaged in farming, residing on the old homestead. He is a Democrat.

Yost, George, Minden, was a descendant from one of the oldest families of the Mohawk valley. He was born in Johnstown, December 6, 1810, and was the oldest son in a family of seven children of Nicholas and Esther (Sandmons) Yost. His father was a farmer, and he attended the local school of his native town, but becoming by an accident crippled, his father determined to give him the advantages of a better education, and at age of seventeen he became a student at Union College, graduating from same three years later. He chose the law as his profession, and after reading with Judge Daniel Cady of Johnstown he first practiced at Buffalo, but afterwards formed a partnership with Judge Cady, which continued until 1844. Judge Yost in 1846 came to Fort Plain, and in company with Judge John Darrow, opened a law office. Some two years afterwards Daniel Lobdell became a member of the firm. Judge Darrow, on account of ill health, retired from the firm and the partnership was finally dissolved in 1855 on account of Mr. Lobdell removing from the place. A Whig, afterwards a Republican in politics, Judge Yost in 1854 was elected to the state senate, his oppo-

inent being Henry Churchill of Gloversville. He was made chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and he was recognized as one of the most eminent lawyers of that body. He declined a re-election, but in 1863 was elected county judge, and on his retirement from that office continued to practice his profession till 1879, when he retired from active business, having by his exertions and a successful career accumulated a large fortune. Judge Yost was an active Mason and had conferred upon him all the degrees of that order which were given in this country. The judge was known amongst his legal brethren and the general public as an honest lawyer, his clients' business being looked after as if it were his own. He died February 8, 1888.

Walrath, Alfonzo, Minden, the only son of Jacob and Elizabeth Walrath, was born in Danube, November 1, 1840. His education was obtained at the district schools. His father being a farmer, he engaged in agricultural pursuits until twenty years of age, when he opened a boot and shoe store at Fort Plain and conducted it one year, when he removed it to Little Falls, remaining two years. Returning to Fort Plain, he invented various machines for the manufacture of brooms. He then commenced to manufacture his own inventions, in which business he is at present engaged. He produces about two hundred gross of broom ferrules weekly, besides twenty corn huskers and twenty hurl cutters annually, and gives employment to ten men. Mr. Walrath is a Republican in politics, and has held various town offices. He married Mary E., daughter of T. B. Farley of Fort Plain and has six children: Maude, wife of E. C. Crane of Utica; Alton A., Jessie, Nettie, Hazel and Mary. Mr. Walrath has always been interested in musical matters, and was for fifteen years leader of the Walrath and Fort Plain band, and was also for twenty years a leader in church choirs.

Edick, John, Minden, was born in Minden May 6, 1821. His grandfather, Frederick Edick, was born in Germany, December 6, 1769. He came when a young man to America and first settled at Sand Lake. He located in Montgomery county in 1808, settling on a farm which he purchased near Salt Springville in Minden. He married, September 6, 1791, Getty Smith, who was born September 13, 1773. Their children were Katie, born April 19, 1794, died in infancy; Robert, born January 15, 1795, died in infancy; Frederick, born January 5, 1798, died at Lansing, Michigan; Conrad, born February 24, 1799, died in Minden; Betsey, born October 28, 1801; John, born June 6, 1803, died in Newfane, N. Y.; Caty, born May 15, 1815, married William Campbell and died in Orleans county; Margaret, born November 30, 1807, married John Carpenter and died at Chicago; Christian, born May 28, 1808, died in infancy; Phoebe Maria, born May 24, 1814, died at the age of sixteen; David Erastus, born May 6, 1816, died at Fort Plain. Jacob, the oldest surviving son of the above family, and father of John J. Edick, was born in Greenbush, July 28, 1796, and died in Minden, December 27, 1889. He married first Nancy Lambert, who was born July 25, 1798, and died June 5, 1823. The only issue of this marriage was John J. He married June 11, 1826, for his second wife, Katie Ann Bost. They had seven children, viz.: Margaret, born July 31, 1827, wife of Elijah Bush of Cherry Valley; Pamelia, died aged three years; Menzo, born November 25, 1834, and Andrew Pine, born July 27, 1837, both residents of Springfield; Nancy, born August 1, 1832, wife of Alexander Livingston; Ephraim,

died aged twenty-four years; and Jacob Adam. The latter lived on the farm now occupied by his son, Jacob A., for sixty-five years. John J. Edick married for his first wife Elizabeth Countryman, and they had three children: Henry, died aged seven years; Alice, wife of John Willis of Richfield Springs; and John, who resides in South Dakota. His second wife was Margaret Bronner. He has always been a farmer, and is a Republican in politics.

Smith, Matthew, Minden, was born in Sharon, June 20, 1829. His father, Irdney Smith, was also born there, December 20, 1796. He married January 30, 1833, Nancy Baur, who was born in Sharon February 17, 1801. They had eight children, viz.: Almira, who married Elijah Meny, and died in Canajoharie; Henry, died aged two years; Matthew, Jerome, died in Richfield Springs; Eliza Ann, resides at Salt Springville; and Sidney. The latter married for his second wife Jane Knowlton, and they had seven children: Harriet, Nancy, Seymour, Preston, Jacob, Laura and William. He removed from Sharon to Springfield, and came to Minden in 1833, locating on the farm now owned by his son, Matthew Smith. He died at Richfield Springs in 1860. Matthew of the above family had only the benefits of a common school education, and has always been engaged in farming on his present farm. He has also been interested in raising fast roadsters, and is the owner of the well known gelding "Telephone." He married for his first wife Nancy Humphrey, and they had two children: Preston, who died March 17, 1858; and Rodney, who died February 11, 1861. His second wife was Elizabeth Willse, and their children are as follows: Mortimer, born February 9, 1865, who married Mary Huffnail, by whom he has one child, Mabel Densmore, born March 29, 1866, died May 23, 1874; Nancy, born April 9, 1867; Mary, born June 19, 1868; Nellie, born August 6, 1869; Almira, born December 9, 1870, wife of Dexter Bowman of Stark; Lucy, born December 9, 1872, died May 15, 1874; Robert, born November 10, 1875; and Addison, born January 25, 1877.

Wiles, John, Minden, married Magdalen Yerdan, and had the following family: Henry I., John, died in Canajoharie; Margaret, who married Nicholas Hook and died in the west; Maria, who married Adam Yerdan and died in Otsego county; Daniel, died in Springfield; Catherine, widow of Henry Yerdan, resides in Minden; and Jacob who died in Minden. Henry I., son of John, was born in Minden, April 18, 1808, and married Catherine Dillenbeck. Their children were Margaret, wife of Jeremiah D. Moyer of Glen; Lany, widow of Henry Shall, resides in Minden; Adam; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Casler of Minden; George; Mary, wife of Henry Wallster, of Minden; Lester, resides in Johnstown; and Julia, wife of Addison Bauder, who died in Minden. Henry I. died May 1, 1880. George, son of Henry I., was born in Minden July 2, 1843, and married for his first wife Helen Nestle, by whom he had one child, Arthur. He married for his second wife Mrs. Louisa (Mattise) Wiles.

Cronkhite, William, Minden, the grandfather of Farley, married for his first wife, Maria Smith, and had a family of eight children, viz.: Cornelius, who died in Cicero; Hannah, who married John Hahneman, and died in Minden; George; James, who died in Little Falls; Anson and Sheldon, who died at Cedarville; Minerva, who married John Casler, and died in Minden; Maria, who married Jacob C. Wolcott and died in

Minden. William married second, Mrs. Maria Van Ness, by whom he had two children: Louisa, who married John Parr and died in Canajoharie; and Luraine, who married Thomas Milligan, and died in Minden. George, of the above family, was born in Minden, May 9, 1809, and married Peggy Devendorf. They had four children: Farley; James, who died at Central Bridge; Harriet, wife of Hamilton Snell of Minden; and George D. George died December 21, 1879. Farley was born in Minden, March 27, 1837, and married Frances Snell, and their children are Frederick H., resident of Minden; Burton, who died aged seventeen years; and Alice.

Dygert, George S., Minden, the youngest child and son of Sylvanus Dygert, was born in Minden, July 10, 1810. The other children of Sylvanus Dygert were John, who died in Canajoharie; Adam, who died in Jefferson county; Warren, died young; Betsey, married Peter Dunckle and died in Minden; Delia, married Peter Garlock and died West; George S., married Lucy Ann Dunckle December 25, 1834. She was born in Minden, November 7, 1814. Their children were William H., born December 15, 1836, died aged three months; James H., born November 15, 1839, lived in Canajoharie; Edward, born August 2, 1842, unmarried, resides in Minden; Anna, born July 13, 1849, wife of Alphonzo Green of Minden; and Alvin and Albert (twins) born May 7, 1851; the latter died at the age of twenty-two years. The former married Eva E. Bellinger, and their children are Kenneth, died aged ten months, and Leo, born June 16, 1891. Alvin is a resident of Minden, a Democrat in politics, and has been for the past three years inspector of elections.

Witter, John Jacob, Minden, was born in Brooklyn, Conn., December 6, 1842, and is the only son in a family of three children of John and Mary A. (Bradford) Witter. His mother was a lineal descendant of Governor Bradford, colonial governor of Massachusetts. After attending the local schools, he fitted for college at the Munson Academy. Graduating in 1859 he accepted the position of principal of the public school at Putnam, Conn., but owing to ill health was obliged to resign. He then opened a select school in the same place, which he closed, and also had to abandon the idea of a college education on account of entering the United States Navy. He was attached to the U. S. steamer *Fort Henry* as an apothecary, when she was part of the east gun squadron. He was afterwards transferred to the U. S. steamer *Nyack* of the Pacific squadron, serving as yeoman. He was discharged from the U. S. service in 1876 and returned to his native town; on account of his ill health he came to the Adirondack regions of New York state, remaining about two years. He then accepted a situation as teacher in Clay, Onondaga county, where, after teaching one term, he came to Starkville, Otsego county, where he taught three terms. He came to Fort Plain in 1872 as principal of the public schools of the village, and after twelve and a half consecutive years, resigned, for the purpose of traveling on the road as a salesman for the Fort Plain Glove and Mitten Company, an industry he was largely interested in as partner. After traveling five years, at the urgent solicitation of the school board of Fort Plain, he again became principal of the public school, which position he now holds. In politics a Democrat, he has never been an aspirant to political honors. He married Sarah, daughter of the late Dr. Uriah Potter.

Potter, Uriah, Minden, was born in Salisbury, Herkimer county, January 11, 1806, and was the oldest son in a family of five children of John and Dorcas (Seikles) Potter. After attending the local schools he went to Fairfield Academy, and afterwards studied medicine with Dr. Holmes of Indian Castle. He commenced the practice of medicine at Hallsville, in 1832, where he continued till 1862, when he removed to Fort Plain. During the war he was surgeon of the board of enrollment stationed at Schenectady. He was a member of the Montgomery Medical Society, and was a Republican in politics. He married Mary, daughter of Jacob Coofman of Minden, and they had seven children: Kate, wife of Martin Van Derveer of Richfield Springs; Emily, resides in Fort Plain; Darwin, a physician of Rochester; Sarah, wife of John J. Witter of Fort Plain; Bradford, who died in Fort Plain; Mary, wife of Arthur M. Williams of Fort Plain; and Marlton, a resident of Fort Plain. Dr. Potter died December 16, 1869.

Sneck, George, Minden, was born in Minden, November 25, 1825. His father, Frederick Sneck, was born May 2, 1799, and married Elizabeth Wiles. She was born May 3, 1798. The children by this marriage, beside George, were John, a resident of Minden; Catharine, who married Cornelius Casler, and died in Minden; Betsey, wife of Englehardt Wagner of Minden; Ann, wife of Adam Yorden of Sharon; Lany, wife of George Countryman of Canajoharie; and Maria, wife of Peter Gesler, died in Minden. Frederick died at Sharon, January 30, 1890, his wife on February 6, 1887. George Sneck married, January 20, 1848, Catharine, daughter of George Hess. Their children were: Anson, born December 30, 1850, died September 17, 1868; Mary Francis, born March 27, 1855, died February 3, 1858; and Alice, born August 9, 1867, wife of John A. Shinnaman of Utica. George Sneck died October 14, 1883. He learned the blacksmith trade from his father and his uncle, Jake Sneck, which trade he followed till 1859, when he engaged in farming, which he carried on up to the time of his death.

Hall, George W., Glen, was born in Glen, February 3, 1854. He was one of eight children of Court and Sarah (Fornicrook) Hall, the others being Mount, Philip, Luther (deceased), Garrett, Mary, wife of Oscar Nesberg, Alice, and Martha (deceased). Court Hall, the father, was one of five children of Cornelius Hall of Glen, the others being Cornelius, Luther, Veeder and Ann, wife of Garry Yates. Sarah Fornicrook was born in the town of Florida, one of six children; the others being Philip, Henry, Charles, Rachel, wife of Henry Snyder, Hannah, wife of Elijah Disbrow. George W. Hall married, December 27, 1877, Lottie F. Bunn, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Freeman) Bunn of Florida, she having one brother, Charles Bunn. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have two children, Ella W. and John D. B. Hall.

Schuyler Peter V., Glen, one of two children of William T. and Ida C. (Van Evera) Schuyler, was born in Glen July 28, 1855. The sister of Mr. Schuyler was Louisa, wife of Henry C. Storey. William T., the father, was born in Glen, and was one of five children of Jacob and Mary (Serviss) Schuyler; the others being George, Jacob, James, and one sister (Mrs. Stephen Ostrom, who died many years ago). Ida (Van Evera) Schuyler, the mother, a native of Root, was one of nine children of Peter and Nancy (Leonardson) Van Evera, the others being John P., James P., Elizabeth E., widow of

Jacob H. Starin, Peter, Jane Ann, wife of J. J. Van Derveer, Charles S., Millar D. F., and one sister who died in childhood. Jacob Schuyler, the grandfather, was born in Holland, and emigrated to this country in early life, settling in Glen, where he married Mary Serviss. Peter V. Schuyler married Eve Anna, one of seven children of Robert and Sarah (Vrooman) Wemple. (See sketch of Robert Wemple). They have two children, William T. and Henry S.

Hudson, Mrs. Emma (Van Buren), widow of Boyd R. Hudson, Glen, was born in Glen and is a daughter of Peter P. and Rachel Maria (Enders) Van Buren; he being born in Glen and one of seven children of Cornelius Van Buren, who was a native of Otsego county. She was married May 6, 1863, to Boyd R. Hudson, who died in February, 1891. They had three children: Agnes B. (Mrs. Dewitt Devendorf) dead, Van B. and Emma A. Hudson. Richard, the father of Boyd R. Hudson, was born in Newburgh, his wife, Abigail Wood, having been born in Root. His grandfather was also Richard Hudson; he was a soldier in the Revolutionary army and was stationed at Fort Montgomery (some six miles below West Point) when it was attacked by the British in 1777; he escaped across the river in the night upon the great iron chain stretched across it.

Mabee, Peter H., Glen, was born on the old Mabee homestead on Schoharie creek in the town of Glen, June 15, 1838. He was one of four children of Harmanus and Maria (Newkirk) Mabee of Glen, the others being Abram Mabee, Elinor (Mrs. John K. Van Horne), dead, and Mary (Mrs. Benjamin A. Faulkner of Glen). His grandfather, Peter H. Mabee, was born in Glen. His great-grandfather, Harmanus Mabee, also lived in the town. The farm on which Peter H. Mabee has always lived is a portion of the original Mabee patent of 1,000 acres. Mr. Mabee has in his possession many interesting relics of the early days in the valley, among them being five parlor chairs, which were the property of William Johnson, which were a portion of his effects confiscated and sold. They were purchased by Mr. Mabee's great-grandfather Garrison, and have since been handed down from one generation to another in the family.

Van Epps, William, Glen, one of two children of Jacob and Isabella (Bennett) Van Epps, was born in Glen October 23, 1855; the other child was Evert Van Epps. Jacob, the father, was born in Glen and was one of seven children of John E. Van Epps; his wife was one of ten children of William and Elma (Strong) Bennett of Duaneburg; his father being Colonel Bennett; Solomon Strong being her grandfather on the mother's side. Jacob Van Epps was born in Glen January 8, 1822, and died in Fultonville August 21, 1888. William Van Epps was married October 15, 1882, to Anna Gertrude Martin, a daughter of Barney J. and Rebecca (Schenck) Martin of Fonda. They have one son, William Leland Van Epps. They moved from Glen to Fultonville, where they now reside, in 1889. Mr. Van Epps is poormaster of the town.

Ostrom, David J., Glen, was born on the family homestead in Glen May 30, 1854. He was one of eight children of Stephen and Anna Maria (Edwards) Ostrom of Glen, the others being Stephen, Anna M. (Mrs. Richard Winnie), Elizabeth (Mrs.

Walter B. Cross), Minnie (Mrs. W. H. Baird), Ella L. (Mrs. J. H. Nellis), and Margaretta (dead). His mother was one of seven children of John Edwards of Glen. He was married September 20, 1876, to Mary, only child of Everett and Ann (Sehuser) Van Epps of Glen. Her grandfather, John E. Van Epps, was born in Glen, as also was his wife, Elizabeth (Vedder) Van Epps. Her great-grandfather was Evert Van Epps, and his father, John Van Epps, came from Holland and settled here. David J. and wife have two children, Victoria and Earl Ostrom.

Wemple, William H., Glen, was born January 12, 1838; he being one of six children of William B. and Rebecca (Yates) Wemple of Fultonville. He was married September 10, 1867, to Anna, daughter of Rev. Abram Diefendorf. They have had three children, two of whom, Lulu and Charles Yates, died in childhood, and Harry Diefendorf, who was born March 21, 1872, and who lives at home being employed in the office of the foundry. William H. entered the foundry business in 1863 with his father and has continued in it until the present time, the business being now carried on under the firm name of William B. Wemple's Sons. Mr. Wemple has served the town as town clerk, and as supervisor for two terms.

Edwards, Edward, Glen, was born in Glen February 10, 1850. He was one of four children of John V. S. and Mary M. (Hosford) Edwards, the others being J. S. Glen, Geddes H., and Mary (Mrs. George Abel). Edward Edwards was married October 17, 1883, to Emma Devendorf, one of six children of Henry A. and Rachel (Pettengill) Devendorf of Florida; the others being Nettie (Mrs. Willard Selmer) Mary (Mrs. C. B. Meding), Jay Dewitt and Milton Devendorf. They have one daughter living, Julia Antoinette, another daughter having died in childhood.

Galbraith, Frank F., Glen, was born in Richmond, East Canada, April 12, 1865. His parents moved to Massachusetts when he was a child. He has always been connected with railroad business as telegraph operator and station agent, having been located for several years at St. Johnsville, also at Gloversville, and for four years at his present location at Auriesville Station on the West Shore road. He was married in 1886 to Margaret Burr, daughter of Lucius F. and Margaret (McDonald) Burr of Johnstown. They have two children, Mary E. and Harry T. Galbraith.

Peddie, William J., M. D., Glen, one of three children of Daniel W. and Mary (Barber) Peddie, was born at Broadalbin January 7, 1858; the other children were: Charles Peddie of the firm of Leggett & Peddie of Glens Falls, and Ella J., wife of George Nash of Albany. His grandfather, James Peddie, was born in Perth, Scotland, whence he emigrated, settling on the place where his grandson, William J., was born. William J. married first on April 16, 1883, Ella Gardner, who died leaving one child, Bertram Peddie. He married second, January 26, 1887, Carrie, daughter of John D. and Sarah McIntyre of Perth. They have two children living, McIntyre and Edith V. Dr. Peddie was educated in the Broadalbin Free school, the Amsterdam Academy, and under the preceptorship of Dr. Van Deveer of the Albany Medical College, from which he graduated March 2, 1882. Since that time he has been engaged in the active practice of his profession in Fultonville and Glen,

Abel, Andrew S., Glen, was born in Glen on the Abel homestead September 12, 1823, and died March 20, 1892. He was one of nine children of Philip Abel of Glen and Catharine (Conover) Abel of Charleston, the others being: Abram, Mary Ann (Mrs. John Clute), Sarah (Mrs. Henry Rickard), Elizabeth (Mrs. A. C. Rickard), all deceased; and Malina (Mrs. William Baird), Margaret (Mrs. A. C. Rickard), Catharine (Mrs. D. F. Hewitt), and Jane Abel. Andrew S. Abel married, October 5, 1848, Jemima, one of six children of John and Anna (Van Antwerp) Groat of Fultonville, the others being Gertrude, Rebecca (Mrs. David Brower), Margaret, Eliza (Mrs. Barney Gardinier), and Jane (Mrs. F. J. Starin). They had three children, Anna M., Abel, and Gertrude Alida; the latter died in childhood.

Gardenier, Barney, Fultonville, was born in Glen September 5, 1815, and was one of two children of Nicholas S. and Ellen (Schenck) Gardenier; his brother, Samuel, is a resident of Rock county, Ill. Samuel, the grandfather, came from Holland in early life. He was a soldier in the revolutionary army and was wounded at the battle of Oriskany, being shot by two Indians as he was standing behind a tree. The bullets were extracted and he lived for several years. His brother, Captain Jacob Gardenier, was killed in that battle. Mr. Gardenier is living with his fourth wife, who was Elizabeth Wiley of Fort Plain. They have one daughter, Lelah, who lives with them. He has five other children living: Edward, in Columbia county; Leonard and William in Texas; Josephine (Mrs. George A. Kisselberg) of Columbia county; and Martha (Mrs. Levi A. Starin) of Glen. Mr. Gardenier has always lived in this town, and has been for fifty-two years on the place where he now lives.

Wemple, Robert, Fultonville, one of seven children of David and Evaline (Lotridge) Wemple of Mohawk, was born January 28, 1831. The other children were: Barney of Mohawk, Dow of Glen, William of Mohawk, Sarah (Mrs. Alonzo Schuyler), Anna (Mrs. G. H. Mount) of Fultonville, and Mary. His grandfather, Dow Wemple, was also born in Mohawk. Mr. Wemple married, February 18, 1848, Sarah, one of twelve children of Volkert and Mariah (Smith) Vrooman of Mohawk. They have seven children: Adam Z. of Glen, Mary C. (Mrs. S. Quackenbush), H. Seymour of Fort Plain, Gertrude (Mrs. Ezra Nare) of Johnstown, Eve Ann (Mrs. Peter Schuyler) of Fultonville, Sarah (Mrs. Edward Reyn) of Fultonville, and Marshall F. of Gloversville. In 1869 Robert Wemple moved to Glen, bought the county poor-farm, which he conducted for sixteen years, and in 1885 retired, moving to Fultonville, where he now resides. Mr. Wemple has served two terms in the legislature as member of assembly, and is at the present time president of the village.

Vedder, Francis B., Fultonville, one of four children of David F. and Mary E. (Shelp) Vedder of Glen, was born February 29, 1860. The other children were John J., Anna Maria, and Nelson D. (deceased). His father, David, was born on the Vedder homestead, as also was his grandfather, Francis B. Vedder. His great-grandfather, John, came to Glen from Schenectady in early life, and settled on the farm where David F. and John now live. Francis B. married, May 28, 1879, Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Elizabeth (Devendorf) Bellinger of St. Johnsburg. Philip Bellinger, her grandfather, was a native of Minden. They have two children, Charles David, and Mary N. Vedder.

Vedder, David F., Fultonville, was born May 12, 1835, on the homestead in Glen, and is one of six children of Francis B. and Maria (Newkirk) Vedder. Francis B. was also born on the homestead in Glen; his wife, Maria, being a native of Florida. The other children were: John, Francis F., Jasper, Eliza (Mrs. John F. Devendorf), and Maria (Mrs. James P. Van Evera). John Vedder, the grandfather, came from Schenectady in early life, and settled on the farm, his wife being Eve Vedder. Marin, mother of David F., was a daughter of Cornelius and Margaret Newkirk of Florida. David F. Vedder was first married February 16, 1859, to Mary E. Shelp, daughter of Nelson and Elizabeth (Mount) Shelp of Glen. She died leaving four children: Francis B., John J., Anna Maria and Nelson D. (deceased). He married second, on November 7, 1888, Jane Ann, daughter of Garrett G. and Rebecca (Van Vechten Mount) Lansing of Charleston.

Haggart, George S., Fultonville, was born in Fonda June 9, 1863, being one of eight children of George S. and Elizabeth (Abrams) Haggart. The others were Alexander S., Jost W., Delo, Libbie (Mrs. John Venn), Mabel (Mrs. William Buss) Carrie B., and Sadie (deceased). His grandfather, Alexander Haggart, was born in Mohawk. His great-grandfather came from Scotland. Our subject was married, August 14, 1887, to Hattie M. Pulver of Glen, one of seven children of John Pulver. Mr. and Mrs. Haggart have two children, Raymond S. and Sadie. Mr. Haggart has for several years been in business in Fonda, but moved to Fultonville in 1891, where he is doing a successful grocery and provision business.

Abel, George J., Glen, one of six children of Abram and Margaret Ann (Hall) Abel of Glen, was born February 15, 1851. The others were: Peter and Eugene, deceased; and Philip, Anna, and Maria (widow of Mr. Irish). Abram Abel, the father, was one of nine children of Philip and Catharine (Conover) Abel of Glen. The others were as follows: Andrew, Elizabeth (Mrs. Alexander Rickard), both deceased; Mary Ann (Mrs. John Clute), Dorothy (Mrs. William Baird), Sarah (Mrs. Henry Rickard), Margaret (Mrs. Alexander Rickard), Catharine (Mrs. Daniel Hewitt), and Jane Abel. Margaret Ann (Hall), the mother, was one of two children of Peter and Hannah (Van Horne) Hall of Glen, her brother, Cornelius being deceased. Hannah was a daughter of Cornelius Van Horne. George J. Abel married December 2, 1891, Mary, daughter of John V. S. and Mary M. (Hosford) Edwards of Glen.

Wendell, Willis, Amsterdam, was born in the city of Amsterdam and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He is one of Amsterdam's thorough business men with his drug store and storage house. He married Elizabeth, only daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Herrick of this city. They have two children, both sons, Henry H. and Willis, jr. Mr. Wendell's father, Harmon, was born at Frey's Bush on the 19th of February, 1835, and was educated in the public schools, followed by academic instruction. Coming to this city when a young man, he entered a drug store as clerk, afterwards became a partner, then sole proprietor. For some years before his death, he manufactured knit goods in partnership with Oscar F. Nelson, under the firm of Nelson & Wendell. In the drug business he took in as partners, Austin and Becker, the firm for some years being Wendell & Becker. On the 23d of September, 1857, he

married Almira M., fourth daughter of Joseph L. and Delilah Mosher of Duaneburg. They had two children, both sons: Frank M., who died at the age of nineteen, and Willis. Harmon Wendell died on the 28th of July, 1880, aged about forty-five years.

Bartlett, Dudley S., Amsterdam, was born in Galway on the 27th of June, 1824, and when quite young came with his parents to West Galway, and afterwards to Johnstown. He was educated in the public schools and old Johnstown Academy and came to Amsterdam in the year 1864. On the 22d of December, 1852, he married Mary Ann McClew of Minaville. They have three children, Frank, Willis M. and Josiah. Frank married Anna M. Griffith of the town of Florida. They have one son, Gardner. They reside in Pittsfield, Mass. Willis M. is a teller in the First National Bank of Amsterdam. Josiah is a painter and resides at home. Mr. Bartlett's father, Martin, was born in West Galway on the 12th of January, 1790, and married Abigail Smith of Charlton. They had six children, three sons and three daughters: Josiah, Backus L., Dudley S., Elizabeth, Laura and Mary A. Mr. Bartlett's grandfather, Josiah, was born in Connecticut, and some of the ancestors were in the early wars. They are of English, Welsh and Scotch extraction.

Young, Luther H., Amsterdam, was born on the 9th of September, 1846, in Canajoharie, and was educated in the public schools and Eastman's Business College. He began business with a Mr. Huntley in 1867 under the firm of Huntley & Young, a general dry goods establishment. In 1884 he sold out his interest and for four years was engaged in several enterprises. In 1884 he formed a copartnership with John R. Striker in a general dry goods business, under the firm of Young & Striker, which is continued until this day. Mr. Young's father, Luther, was born in Fonda on the 9th of August, 1802. He was educated in the public schools and in his early life he was a carpenter and builder, but the best part of his life he was a farmer. For thirteen years he resided in Canajoharie, and returned to Tribes Hill where he spent the balance of his days. On the 1st of January, 1835, he married Nancy Briggs of Johnstown. They had five children, two sons and three daughters: Elisha, who died in January, 1882; Elizabeth A., died in January, 1878; Sarah L., Deborah, and Luther H. His father died at Tribes Hill on the 12th of April, 1876, and his mother in September, 1859.

Wessells, Dr. Silas A., Canajoharie, was born in Cherry Valley on the 10th of June, 1851, a son of R. L. and Anna Horning Wessells, natives of Otsego county, the father of Dutch and the mother of German origin. Both families were among the early settlers of that county. Dr. Wessells was educated in the schools of his native town, at Ames Academy and at Cazenovia Seminary. He studied medicine with Dr. A. J. Smith of Ames, and attended lectures at Ann Arbor, Mich., where he graduated in 1878. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Argusville, thence to Ames, and soon came to Canajoharie, where he has enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice, and he is now one of the leading physicians of the county. He is a member of the Medical Society of the county, a Mason and a member of the Order of Red Men; he is a Democrat and has been coroner for one term. In the year 1878 he married Alzina Snyder of Ames, a daughter of Nathan M. Snyder, a

farmer and a descendant of an early settler of the county. They have two children, Hattie E. and Amy Maud.

Rowe, John H., Amsterdam, was born in Columbia county, on the 10th of May, 1842, and came with his parents to Schenectady county when he was eight years old. He was educated in the public schools and was a farmer by occupation. On the 1st day of September, 1869, he married Harriet, only daughter of Abram and Mrs. Maria (James) Jennings De Graff. They had one daughter, a dutiful and accomplished young lady, who died January 23, 1889, aged eighteen years. Mr. Rowe's father, Elisha, was born at the old home in 1818, and married Lenna Link of his native place. They had two children, John H. and Eva C. Mrs. Rowe's father was born in Amsterdam, and married Mrs. Maria Jennings. They had one daughter. Her people were in the early and late wars.

Benn, Francis E., Amsterdam, was born on the 18th of November, 1849, at Hageman's Mills, and was educated in the public schools of that place and was employed in the mills several years. For the past fifteen years he has been overseer of one of the departments in Stephen Sanford & Son's carpet factory. On the 24th of December, 1868, he married Martha L. McGarry of Glenville. They have had three children, one son and two daughters. Orrin E. died when he was three years and six months old, the daughters survive: Jennie M. and Hettie. The name of Benn is very rarely seen, but is of English origin.

Schuyler, Jacob, Amsterdam, the son of Jeremiah Schuyler, was born in Florida on the 15th of November, 1828, and was educated in the district schools of his town. He resided at home until he was twenty-two years old, and then came to Port Jackson (now Fifth ward). He was interested in the Fultonville Canal Line four years, and then bought a farm, following farming for four years, sold it, but bought one in Schenectady county, which he owned four years, working it himself one year. He came back to the old camping grounds and for three years owned the store house and grocery business. For seven years he went to Canada as a cattle drover and was foreman for nine years for the Schuyler & Bloods Mills. About the year 1885 he became a resident of Amsterdam, and now conducts a harness and carriage repository on Division street. At Christmas, 1849, he married Maria, second daughter of Simon and Anna Mabee. They have two daughters, Emma S. and Anna.

Brown, George, Amsterdam, was born in Ireland on the 16th of May, 1841, and came with his parents to the United States when he was four years old. They located in Gloversville, and he was educated in the public schools and was a leather dresser by occupation. In October, 1861, he enlisted from Johnstown into Company E, Black Horse Cavalry, N. Y. S. Volunteers, which disbanded in 1862. On the 22d of August, 1863, he re-enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth N. Y. Artillery, and was wounded and taken prisoner and confined in Libbey Prison. He was honorably discharged at Norfolk on the 21st of June, 1865. On the 25th of October, 1865, he married Mary Radley of Amsterdam. They have six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: John H., Timothy F., Thomas, Ellen, Catherine and Edward G. The family came to reside in Amsterdam in August, 1884.

Chrisman, Charles C., Amsterdam, was born in Gray, Herkimer county, on the 9th of June, 1854, and was educated in the public schools. He has a good business education and ever since he attained his majority he has been a hotel keeper. He has lived in several western states for some years, also at Tribes Hill three years. In the year 1878 he married Aona, only daughter of Reuben S. and Harriet Quilhott of the city of Amsterdam. Her father, Reuben S. Quilhott, was a soldier in the Mexican war and of the late Rebellion.

Lyfort, Seymour, Amsterdam, was born in Edinburgh, Saratoga county, and educated in the public schools; he was a carpenter by occupation. February 28, 1888, he married Jennie, oldest daughter of Jonas and Martha Rivenburg of Fort Johnson, where they now reside. Mr. Lyfort's father, Alonzo, was born March 28, 1825, in Vermont and came to this State with his father and mother when a young man; he married Amanda Scribner, by whom he had six children, four sons and two daughters: Martha, William, Frederick, Anna, Arthur, and Seymour.

Potter, George W., Amsterdam, was born on the 3d of July, 1845, in Montgomery county and moved with his parents to Charleston Four Corners and from thence to S. O.ansville. He attended the public schools there, also Carlisle Seminary, Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie and Albany High School. For the past fifteen years he has been interested in the knit goods business and knit goods on commission both here and in New York. On the 15th of June, 1878, he married Addie L. Taft of New Haven. They have three children, two sons and one daughter: Harold T., Gladys and Guy. Mr. Potter's father, Edward E., was born in Albany, and married Fannie M. Van Derveer of Charleston. They had seven children, as follows: George W., Noah-diah S., Caroline S., Edward S., jr., Emma, John S., and Isaac F.

Patterson, Alexander M., Amsterdam, was born in Florida February 22, 1883, and was educated in the common schools of that town. In early life he was a farmer, afterwards a merchant, in fact he has had a variety of occupations and is now a contractor. In April, 1860, he married Jane Van Epps of Glenville, and they had two sons, Isaac F., and John D. Mr. Patterson's father, Seeley, was born in Duanesburg; he married Adelene Montgomery of Florida, by whom he had five children: Alexander M., William H., Clara, Emeline, and Frances. His grandfather, William, was in the war of 1812 and the great-grandfather came from the old world at an early day. Both sons are farmers. Mrs. Patterson died June 15, 1889, mourned by her family and friends.

Selmsen, Jacob, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Perth October 7, 1823; he was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a farmer, and merchant-miller, and lived in Seneca county twenty-eight years. September 30, 1857, he married Catherine, oldest daughter of Daniel and Jane Moore of the town of Mohawk. Mr. Selmsen's father, Martin, was born in Johnstown; he married Susan Moore, by whom he had twelve children, five sons and seven daughters: John, Henry, Godfrey, David, and Jacob, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Laney, Catherine, Margaret, and Sarah. The ancestry of the family on both sides is Dutch. Mr. Selmsen is now a builder in this city.

Windbiel, John, Amsterdam, was born in Baden, Germany, May 25, 1844; he was educated in the public schools and came to the United States in 1864, first locating at Rondout, from thence he went to New York where he remained three years when he came to Amsterdam. April 20, 1868, he married Mary Hopmeir of this city; they have had nine children: Mary, Thomas, George, Edward, John J., Lena, Lauretta, Mattie, and John P. All the children are dead except Thomas, Lauretta, and John P. The family are all members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church.

Lindsay, Richard, Amsterdam, was born in Ireland November 20, 1847, and came with his parents to the United States when he was three years old. His grandfather had returned from the United States to Ireland and had often expressed a wish to come back, but never did; his son William however did and located with his little family in West Galway, but afterwards came to Amsterdam. Richard was educated in the public schools; he conducted a grocery business, has been assessor six years, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. September 25, 1878, he married Mary E. Firth of Elmira. They have six children, all sons: Albert O., Frederick C., Ernest R., Elmer J., Clarence B., and David W.

Kurlbaum, Ernest, Amsterdam, was born in the city of Minden in Germany, May 14, 1839, where he was educated. In 1865 he came to the United States and after landing in New York came to Amsterdam. November 26, 1865, he married Louisa Krah of his native place. They have five children, three sons and two daughters: Ernest H., Louisa C., Anna A., William L., and Frederick R. For several years he worked at various occupations. About 1887 he bought the old building on Market street, which was torn down and upon the site he built the Central hotel, which he completed in 1888. Ernest H., the oldest son, is his father's assistant in its management; he married Emma S. Niles of this city June 1, 1892.

Clizbee, Samuel J., Amsterdam, was born on the old homestead in the town of Amsterdam, February 1, 1831. In the process of time another farm was added to the original purchase, upon this part, Mr. Clizbee is the owner and has resided upon it since he was ten years old; he received a common school and academic education. December 18, 1860, he married Mary A., daughter of Lewis Chamberlin of Jersey City; she was formerly of Glenville; they have had four children, three daughters and one son: Ida M., who married William Hugo of this city; Clara, Electa, and George H. reside at home with their father. Mrs. Clizbee died September 4, 1889. His father, Darius, was born in New Jersey, November 8, 1789, and came with his parents to this town in the year 1798. May 26, 1812, he married Mary Jones of Amsterdam, by whom he had seven children, four sons and three daughters; Marcus W., Hannah M., Cyrus, William, Louisa J., Charlotte and Samuel J. Mr. Clizbee's father, Darius, was in the war of 1812. The ancestry of the family is Welsh on both sides.

Kline, Charles, Amsterdam, was born at Tribes Hill, and was educated in the public schools, but in early life he was a farmer. On the 23d of July, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred Fifteenth New York State Volunteers. At the time the company was organized he was made third sergeant, afterwards orderly sergeant, second lieutenant, and was discharged as first lieutenant on the 7th of July, 1865. He

was a paroled prisoner of war from September 15 to until November 19. On September 29, 1864, he was wounded in the right arm in an assault on Fort Gilmer, north side of the James river. His arm was amputated on the field and he was taken to Hampton Hospital. In January, 1865, he returned to his regiment and served the balance of the time with one arm. He has married twice, first January 1, 1868, to Louisa A., daughter of Stephen and Emogene Whiting of Albany county. They had one son who died aged seven. Mrs. Kline died February 14, 1870. On the 20th of November, 1872, he married Esther, oldest daughter of William D. and Mary Heath. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters: Alida S., Carrie H., Charles S., Walter R., William A., Emily D. and John W. Mr. Kline's father was born at the old home and married Alida Putman of Tribes Hill. They had eight children: John H., William, Nicholas, Maria, Sarah, Charles, Jane and Elizabeth. Mr. Kline is now the chief of police of Amsterdam.

Birch, Seymour, Amsterdam, was born on the 22d of December, 1842, in the town of Amsterdam two miles north of the city and was educated in the public schools and graduated from Amsterdam Academy. He spent one year at Union College, which he left to assist his father in the lumber business and at the age of twenty-one he became a partner. In 1865 his brother Joseph P. returned from the war and took his father's interest in the concern, which was conducted by them until 1870, when Seymour sold his interest to his brother. He was in the knit goods business three years, and formed a copartnership with George H. Munson in insurance and real estate business which continued until 1880. From then until now Mr. Birch has conducted the business in his own behalf. He enlisted in Company G, Seventy-Seventh New York State Volunteers, and in 1863 was honorably discharged. On the 16th of October, 1868, he married Mary E. Munson of this city, by whom he had three children: one daughter, Grace, died in infancy; John W. died at the age of eleven years; Mary M. resides with her parents and is being educated. His father, Alfred Birch, was born at Clifton Park, Saratoga county. In 1802 he married Margaret Peters of his native place. They had eleven children and at this date, 1892, ten children are living. The ancestry of the family is English, Scotch and Welsh.

Van Derveer, George G., Amsterdam, was born in Florida, on the 28th of March, 1840, and was educated in the district schools and Amsterdam Academy. He is one of the county's intelligent farmers and is a prominent granger. He is much interested in improving live stock, especially good horses. On the 18th of October, 1876, he married Belle, only daughter of John and Nancy McCann of Macedon, Wayne county. They had one son, namely, George M., one of the brightest boys of the time, who died at the age of nine years of diphtheria. He was mourned by the whole community. Mr. Van Derveer's father, Garrett E., was born just south of where his son George G. now resides in Florida in 1798. He was educated in the common schools of his day and was a farmer by occupation; "his word was his bond" and he was "read and known of all men" as a good neighbor and a true friend. In 1829, he married Mary, daughter of Peter A. and Sarah (Serviss) Young of his native town. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters: one son, Henry, died when he was an infant; eight survived:

Peter Y., Catherine, Sarah A., Jane, John, Tunis, W. Spencer and George G. Mr. Van Derveer's mother's father, Peter P. Young was a member of the legislature several terms and at all times identified in church matters. The family on both sides were soldiers in the war of the Revolution and in the war of 1812.

Francisco, Albert, Amsterdam, was born on the 26th of June, 1848, in Minden. When a year old he moved with his parents to Florida and was educated in the public schools and at the Little Falls Seminary and Fort Edward Academy. In the year 1880 they came to Amsterdam and are conducting a grocery and fresh meat business. He has been married twice, first in the year 1872 to Henrietta Steen of Florida. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Francisco died in October, 1873. On the 14th of January, 1875, he married Sarah A., third daughter of Peter and Martha M. Williams of Florida, by whom he had three children, two daughters and one son: Emma S., Charles H. and Ellen M. Mr. Francisco's father, Isaac, was born in Florida in March, 1820, and married Charity Berzee of his native town. They had three sons: Anderson R., Charles C. and Albert. His grandfather, Rufus, was in the war of 1812 and one of his brothers was shot by a tory.

Filton, Charles H., Amsterdam, was born in Gilman, New Hampshire, on the 25th of April, 1835, and came with his parents to Bangor, Maine, at the age of seven where he received a common school and academic education. He first began the study of dentistry at Stillwater, Wisconsin, and still further with his old preceptor in Mexico, Oswego county, and completed his studies with three courses in Boston. In 1865 he began to practice at Camden, and on the 26th of June, 1866, he located at Amsterdam. He has been married twice, first in January, 1857, to Maria, third daughter of William Robinson of Maine. They had one son, William F., who is in Kansas City. On the 27th of December, 1863, Mrs. Filton died. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Bostwick of this city, in October, 1867. They had three children, two sons and one daughter: Alonzo, died at the age of fifteen years, loved by all who knew him; Mattie S. and Charles B. who reside at home. His father, Timothy, was born near Meredith, New Hampshire, in 1792 and died in 1863. He was in the war of 1812. His wife died in August, 1868. Her maiden name was Susan Osgood.

Spore, James, Amsterdam, was born at Crane's Village, December 9, 1837, and was educated in the public schools; he worked at farm labor until he was old enough to learn the machinist's trade with the McElwains. He then went to West Albany, and was in the employ of the New York Central Railroad shops from 1864 for twenty-five years, when he returned to the McElwains in Amsterdam, where he has since been a valued mechanic. February 24, 1856, he married Charlotte, third daughter of Morris and Matilda Quick of Charleston; they had two children who died in infancy, both girls: Theresa J. and Dora. Mr. and Mrs. Spore are members of the Emanuel Presbyterian church in Amsterdam.

Spore, John A., Amsterdam, was born in Florida, June 30, 1833, and moved with his parents to Crane's Village when he was about two years old; he worked on the farm until he was eighteen years old, when he started to learn the machinist's trade with the McElwains where he remained five years; he was west two years,

after which he returned to his former employers where he has been foreman thirty-five years; he was married twice, first January 20, 1858, to Rebecca De Graff of Amsterdam, and they had a son, Emanuel N., who resides at Little Falls. For his second wife, January 30, 1867, he married Jane E. Kinney, of Albany county; they have two daughters, Helen M. and Sarah H.; both reside at home. Mr. Spore's father was born in Charleston, July 26, 1795. April 1, 1824, he married Helen Pettingill; they had five sons, Peter P., David, Simeon W., John A., and James. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spore's father and mother died at Crane's Village. The ancestry of the family on both sides is Dutch.

Cook, Mason, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Schuyler, Herkimer county, on the 3d of February, 1825, and was educated in the public schools. He worked at farm labor until he was nineteen years old. Mr. Cook has occupied several official positions in the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co. during the forty-eight years he has been with them, and is now freight agent in Amsterdam, a position which he has held for seventeen years. He has been married twice. On the 18th of May, 1854, he married Ellen Sytiff of Oriskany. They had one daughter, Anna M., who died in 1884. Mrs. Cook died in 1869. On the 25th of September, 1878, he married Mrs. Harvey (Christman) Park of Utica. She had one daughter by her first husband, namely, Grace M., who resides at home with her parents. Mr. Cook's father, Moses, was born in Connecticut and married Lavina Brown, formerly of Massachusetts. They came to this region of the country when they were lately married, and they had six children: Rozina, Jeanett, Samuel, Moses, Nancy, Mason.

Austin, Charles D., Amsterdam, was born on the 5th of May, 1845, in Port Jackson (now Amsterdam) and was educated in the public schools of Tribes Hill. In early life he was a druggist and is now a manufacturer of knit goods, doing business in Rockton, under the firm of Austin, Stairs & Blauvelt. On the 9th of December, 1869, he married Francis A., youngest daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Hillebrant of Johnstown. They had three children, two sons and a daughter: Edward T. and Lizzie F. died, the first at the age of eight years and the latter at three and a half years. C. Wilbur survives, born on the 22d of January, 1874, and is now being educated. Mr. Austin's father, Hiram, was born at Stillwater about the year 1798, and married Eliza Van Husen. They had seven children, five sons and two daughters. The ancestry of the family on both sides is Dutch.

Ecker, Daniel W., Amsterdam, the father, George G. Ecker, was born in Mohawk, about the year 1793; he married Lena Nare of his native town, by whom he had nine children, six daughters and three sons: Edward, Catherine, Bessie, Margaret, Annie, Allie, Gertie, John H., and David W., who is a patron of this work and the youngest member of this family. He was born on the 19th of November, 1844, in Palatine, and was educated in the common schools and Fort Plain and Gloversville Academies. He left home at the age of seventeen for the oil regions and returned to Amsterdam. He was a farmer and also in the milk and ice business, and is now in partnership with Jacob Schuyler, and they have a repository of harness, carriages, agricultural implements, etc., on Division street. On the 14th of January, 1867, he married Margaret Dillenbeck of

Amsterdam. They have two children, one daughter and a son: Virginia, who married William Barnes of Amsterdam; and David H., who resides at home attending school. Mr. Ecker's grandfather, George, came from Holland and was in the revolutionary war. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and German.

Billings, William R., Amsterdam, was born at Port Jackson (now Amsterdam) on the 30th of December, 1861, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He has always been a farmer and has been married twice; first on the 11th of January, 1881, to Jenny Payne, by whom he had one son, Earl R., who was born on the 8th of March, 1884. For his second wife, on the 27th of February, 1889, he married Julia, only daughter of Jacob and Emma Edwards of Florida. Mr. Billings's father, William H., was born in Florida and married Rebecca H. Burns of his native town, by whom he had two children, one died in infancy, and William R. Mrs. Billings's father, Jacob Edwards, was born in Ephratah in 1835 and married Emma Snell of Fort Plain, by whom he had three children: James, William, and Julia.

Collins, Peter J., Amsterdam, was born on the 13th of December, 1861, at Otisville, Orange county, and moved with his parent to Port Jervis when he was five years old, and here he was educated. He has been a railway man for the past fifteen years, first as a trackman, while for the past three years he has been freight agent for the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., they being lessors of the West Shore Railway Co. On the 1st of October, 1889, he married Winfred F. Cavney of Port Jervis. They have one daughter, namely, Winfred Marie. Mr. Collins is recognized by the business community as a very efficient agent.

White, Dr. Maxwell, Amsterdam, was born on the 28th of March, 1856, and was educated in the private schools and Amsterdam Academy. He graduated from Union College in the year 1881 and from Albany Medical College in the year 1886, being valedictorian of his class. He immediately began to practice at his old home in Amsterdam and is the attending physician of the Children's Home and is president of the staff of Amsterdam Hospital. He is an elder in the Emanuel Presbyterian church and is a prominent worker in the Young Men's Christian Association.

Dersch, Conrad, Amsterdam, was born on the 1st of September, 1840, at Hesse Cassel, Germany, was educated the public schools. He was by occupation a hard wood ornamental finisher on musical instruments, and other fine work. In the year 1854 he came to the United States and first located in New York, but in 1859 he came to Amsterdam. On the 3d of April, 1862, he married Elizabeth Berkel formerly of Harshfeld, Germany, by whom he had seven children. One son, John, died at the age of twenty-three years, six survive: Adam, Eve, Mary, Carrie, Henry, and Charles. Mr. Dersch has resided in this city for thirty-three years. He is a member of the German Lutheran church and of the German I. O. O. F., and of the German Benevolent Society, and bears his share of official and financial responsibility in each.

Perry, William, Amsterdam, was born in Kidderminster, England, on the 10th of August, 1834, and was educated in the schools of that day in his native town; he served his time learning the blacksmith's trade and traveled extensively in that little

island. On the 25th of December, 1858, he married Harriet Linton of Bronsgrove. They have three children: one daughter, Lizzie, died in infancy, a son and a daughter survive. Emily D. married George D. Hart of this city. They have two daughters and a son, namely, Edna D., Herbert D. and Harriet D. William H. married Ida Jackson of this city. They have one son, Walter V. H. In the year 1872 Mr. Perry came to the United States and first located in Connecticut, where he remained one year and six months; he then came to Amsterdam and was foreman in one of the departments in Sanford & Son's carpet factory fourteen years.

Snyder, William P., Amsterdam, was born in Durham, Greene county, November 27, 1837; he received a common school and academic education and was a farmer until he attained the age of twenty-three. August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-first Wisconsin Volunteers. This regiment joined General Sherman's army before Atlanta, and consequently participated in its battles and glorious career in its march to the sea. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He then sold his farm in Wisconsin and returned to the place of his birth; he conducted a mercantile business in Durham seventeen years, was also postmaster about ten years, and came to Amsterdam in the year 1880 and conducted a boot and shoe business for six years, which he sold; he then began to manufacture knit goods, shirts, drawers, etc., and is now doing business under the firm of Snyder, Hull & Smith. December, 31, 1856, he married Annjenette, youngest daughter of James and Diana Wright, of his native place; they have two daughters, Estella D. and Alice M. Estella D. married Nathan B. Smith, formerly of Greene county. They have two children, both sons, Verne W. and Leeland W. Alice M. married Wilbur Jenkins of this city. They have one son, Volney G.

Sawyer, Rev. Leicester J., Amsterdam, was born in New Haven December 19, 1837; he graduated from Hamilton College in 1859, and from Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1862. October 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-seventh Connecticut Volunteers. December 13, 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg, he was wounded in three places, *viz.* : in the hand, knee and head, was honorably discharged on account of wounds from Mount Pleasant Hospital, Washington, April 6, 1863. He has married twice, first September 8, 1862, to Candace A. Mack of Buffalo; she died July 14, 1877. July 24, 1878, he married H. Augusta Graham of Whitesboro; they have three children, two sons and one daughter; Lorenzo G., Ethel and Leicester G. He preached in the west twelve years. In 1877 he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Whitesboro. March 1, 1889, he became pastor of the Emanuel Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam.

Scudder, Charles W., St. Johns, son of Stephen and Margaret Romans Scudder, was born in the town of Maryland, Otsego county, May 25, 1836. From 1842 until 1856 he lived in Clayville, Oneida county. In 1856 he went to Michigan and in the following year to Missouri. On account of his anti-slavery sentiments he was compelled to leave Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1859. He returned to Oneida county, and November 11, 1861, he enlisted at Schuyler's Lake, Otsego county, in the First New York Engineers, remaining in the service three years. He saw some hard fighting.

He participated in the battle of Royal Ferry; the siege and capture of Fort Pulaski on the Savannah river; the battle of James Island; the attack on the Charleston & Savannah Railroad at Popataligo; the capture of Morris island and the siege of Forts Sumter, Wagner and Gregg, and the battle of Olustee. He then in 1864 returned to Morris island, where he had charge of the engineering corps from June until November, when he was mustered out in New York city. After the war he settled in Painesville, Ohio, and traveled for Gardiner Brothers of Cincinnati, selling fruit trees. In November, 1865, he located at Canajoharie, Montgomery county. September 26, 1866, was united in marriage to Helen Louisa, daughter of John V. and Harriet Wetmore Conover. They have three children: John C., Stephen J. and Jessie H. In 1870 moved to St. Johnsburg and became foreman for Conover & Knox in the manufacture of fifth wheels and carriage forgings. In 1876 Mr. Scudder purchased the business of his employers and has conducted it since then with marked ability and success. For the past six years he has been president of the National Carriage Hardware Association. He is a prominent Grand Army man and a leading spirit in the organization of Smith Post, of St. Johnsburg. His neighbors and fellow townsmen heartily respect and like him for his sturdy integrity, his downright manliness, his unfailing geniality, his marked business ability, his decided convictions and his courage in maintaining them. In 1891 and again in 1892 was elected supervisor on the Republican ticket. In March, 1892, was elected chairman of the board of supervisors, over whose meetings he has presided with dignity and impartiality. At the Republican convention held at Fonda October 15th, 1892, Mr. Scudder very reluctantly accepted the nomination for member of assembly and lost the election by three votes. His home and factory are pleasantly located about a mile above the village of St. Johnsburg.

Pettengill, William T., Amsterdam, was born in Florida October 15, 1840; he was educated in the common schools, and until he was twenty-five years old worked on the farm. About the year 1865 he came to Amsterdam, following a variety of occupations. In the year 1869 he became a clerk with Philip Pruyne & Co., where he remained four years, and for ten years he followed the grocery business on Bridge street, but was forced to retire on account of ill health. About 1884 he bought the interest of S. Y. Gardiner, of the firm of Gardiner & Thomas, manufacturers of knit goods, and under the firm of Thomas & Pettengill continued four years. In the year 1888 he again embarked in the grocery business which he still continues. February 17, 1875, he married Mary E., oldest daughter of William and Margaret Moody of this city, formerly of Connecticut. They have one daughter, Margery. Mr. Pettengill's father, David, was born at the old home in Florida in 1806, and married Jeannette McNee of Princeton, Schenectady county. Her father came from Glasgow, Scotland; they had eight children: Agnes, Mary, William T., Peter, Ella E., Herman M., Louisa and Anna J.

Stebbins, William H., Amsterdam, was born near Poughkeepsie, August 29, 1829, and left there with his parents when a year old for Berkshire county, Mass.; he was educated in the public schools, and his early life was devoted to farming. In the early part of the late rebellion we find him in Oswego county in this State. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 110th N. Y. S. Volunteers, serving two years and six months, when he was honorably discharged as first sergeant. He immediately enlisted in the

Second Florida cavalry, a body of Southern loyal volunteers; June 1, 1864, he was promoted second lieutenant, and to the position of captain, November 20, 1865. Early in the year 1865 he was appointed provost-marshal of Monticello, Florida, and he was honorably discharged in 1866. In his first enlistment in the 110th Infantry he participated in the assault upon Port Hudson, and was with General Banks through the Red river campaign. January 29, 1850, he married Caroline E., third daughter of Christopher and Betsey (Hall) Davis of Guilford, Conn. They have two children, a daughter and a son: Hattie C., who married J. Van Coney of this city, they have a son Harry S.; and Fred Lincoln, who is a ranchman in the State of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins have been residents of this city twenty-two years; he has served his townsmen in the capacity of trustee of the village three years, also as alderman of the Third ward three years; he is a member of the board of trade and one of the trustees of the city hospital; he was also superintendent of the construction of the river bridge; he is a member of Post Young No. 33, G. A. R. of Amsterdam, also of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. and A. M. of this city.

Blood, James, Amsterdam, was born on the 26th of July, 1837, in the town of Florida, and was educated in the district schools. In the early years of his life he was a farmer. He was married twice, first to Henrietta, third daughter of Thomas Schuyler of Florida, by whom he had two children, twins, Edward and Alice, both dying in infancy. In the fall of 1887 Mrs. Henrietta Blood died. On the 5th of December, 1888, he married Mrs. Harriet Van Antwerp, the fourth daughter of Jeremiah Schuyler. Mr. Blood lived thirteen years in Herkimer county, and came to Amsterdam twelve years ago. Mr. Blood's father, Reuben L., was born in Montgomery county, and married Mary Davenpeck, by whom he had four sons and one daughter: Susan, Robert, John D., James and Daniel. The Schuylers were among the earliest settlers in the valley and in New York, and were identified as soldiers in our early wars against a common foe, and in the early legislation for one common country.

O'Brien, Dr. John C., Amsterdam, was born on the 7th of August, 1863, at Bellows Falls, Vt., and was educated in the public schools. He was educated for his profession in the Medical University of Vermont, and graduated in 1887. His first practice was at Turners Falls, Mass. In the year 1889 he came to New York and located in Amsterdam. On the 9th of July, 1889, he married Jennie C., only daughter of William and Lucy Farren of Turners Falls, Mass. They have one son, John C., jr. Mr. O'Brien's father came to Bellows Falls in 1849. He married Mary O'Hearn, by whom he had five children: Kate, William, John C., Thomas and James. Dr. O'Brien was at one time in the government mail service, and is at the time of writing city physician of Amsterdam.

Reynolds, Edington E., D. D. S., Amsterdam, was born in Ovid on the 1st of March, 1865, and went with his uncle, William F. Edington, to Geneva when he was four years old, where he was first educated in the public schools, and graduated from the Geneva Classical Union school. He also graduated from the dental department of the University of Maryland. He was brought up in the profession from a young boy, as his father followed it all his life before him. The family have six following the profes-

sion. His father, Robert S., was born in Cayuga in 1823, and married Martha S. Johnson of Ovid. They had five sons and three daughters. Edington E. married on June 4, 1890, Louise S., oldest daughter of Abram V. and Henrietta Merselis of this city. They have one son, Abram M., who was born on the 9th of May, 1892.

Conlon, Andrew B., Amsterdam, was born in Wells, Hamilton county, on the 16th of January, 1857, and was educated in the public schools and has always been a clerk and a business man. He came to Amsterdam in the year 1875 and was appointed city clerk on the 10th of March, 1889. On the 26th of September, 1880, he married Mary A., third daughter of Edward and Mary Mullett of this city. They have three children, one son and two daughters: Margaret, Mary E. and Thomas F. Mr. Conlon's father, Thomas, was born in Ireland, but eventually came to the United States. He married Margaret Doyle, by whom he had four children, namely: Thomas, Francis, Ellen J. and Andrew B.

Voorhees, George M., Amsterdam, was born on the 16th of March, 1826, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. In early life he was a farmer. On the 2d of October, 1852, he married Hannah, only daughter of William Slocum of Northampton, Fulton county. They have two children, one daughter and one son, Josephine S., who married William Topping of Albany, and Samuel A., who resides in Iowa. Mr. Voorhees was commissioned captain of Company D, 93d N. Y. S. Volunteers, and was honorably discharged in 1865. His father, Dr. Samuel Voorhees, was born in New Jersey and came with his parents here when he was two years old. He married Betsey Reynolds, by whom he had four children. The ancestry of the family is Dutch, English and Scotch.

Hand, Edward, jr., Amsterdam, was born in Glen on the 25th of October, 1867, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. In company with Tunis Peck he manufactures brooms, under the firm of Tunis Peck & Company. Mr. Hand's father, John, was born at the old home, and married Jane E. Bennett of his native town. He was a farmer by occupation and had one son, Edward J. Mr. John Hand died on the 1st day of January, 1892.

Machold, Bernhard, Amsterdam, was born on the 17th of April, 1841, in Germany, and was educated in the public schools there and at the age of fourteen began to learn the trade of mason. In the year 1868 he came to the United States, locating first in Albany, but in 1869 he settled permanently in Amsterdam. He has a large business as contractor in mason work, and in the busy season employs as many as sixty men. On the 24th of November, 1872, he married Martha Mehlam from Germany, by whom he had nine children, seven sons and two daughters: G. Frederick, C. William, C. Bernhard, H. Edmund, Frank, J. Walter, Lillie M., Laura and baby.

Van Buren, Martin, Amsterdam, was born on the 17th of June, 1850, and was educated in the public schools and in a private school in Albany. For ten years he has held various positions of trust in New York and other places. In the year 1883 he became a book-keeper in the Farmers' National Bank, Amsterdam, for two years, and assistant cashier for four years. In the year 1889 he was appointed cashier of the

Amsterdam City National Bank. On the 23th of June, 1882, he married Marcia B., second daughter of John and Esther Craig of Fultonville. They have two children, both boys. John Craig, born on the 11th of December, 1885, and Martin Enders, born on the 27th of February, 1889. Mrs. Van Buren was born March 5, 1857.

Harvey, John F., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam February 28, 1859, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. He is an ornamental sign painter and decorator in company with J. A. McNaughton, under the firm of McNaughton & Harvey. June 6, 1882, he married Lizzie, oldest living daughter of Henry A. and Myrietta Smith, who formerly resided at Watertown, but now live in this city. They have had four children: Frankie, who died in infancy; Genevieve, who died at the age of six; J. Fred, and Myrtle. Mr. Harvey is a member of Chuctenunda Lodge No. 100, K. of P.

Deal, John H., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam, September 4, 1842, and was educated in the common schools. In early life he was a farmer but since then has engaged in a variety of occupations. April 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 32d N. Y. S. Volunteers. In the battle of Gaines' Mills on June 7, 1862, he was wounded in the hands and taken to Fortress Monroe, and afterwards to a hospital in Baltimore, and on October 26, 1862, he was honorably discharged as disabled. On July 25, 1865, he married Eugenia A., third daughter of George A. and Ann Cramer of Florida, and they have two children: George B., who married Minnie McCulloch of this city; they have a daughter Ethel; also James H., who married Mina Benson of Schoharie county; they have a daughter Stella. Mr. Deal's father, Jeremiah, was born in Amsterdam March 29, 1794, and married Rachel Vosburg of his native town; they had twelve children, nine sons and three daughters: Jane A., William, Isaac, Margaret, James, Jeremiah, Peter, Rachel A., William H. No. 2, J. Benson, Edward and John H. Some of the ancestors on the mother's side were in the revolutionary war. Mrs. Deal's brother was in the late war and died as a sacrifice on the altar of his country for the cause of freedom. Mr. Deal is a member of E. S. Youngs Post No. 33 G. A. R. of Amsterdam. Mr. Deal's grandmother, Jane, on his father's side, lived to be 106 years old.

Kennedy, James, Amsterdam, was born in Ayershire, Scotland, March 6, 1836; he was one of a family of nineteen children and in 1852 came with his brother to the United States, locating in Hampshire county, Mass., where he remained two years. He then went to Elizabeth, N. J., where he remained twelve years. He was a wheelwright by trade and sold his real estate and went for a short time to his former location in Massachusetts. He then moved to Glens Falls, where for eleven years he was extensively engaged in the boot and shoe trade. He has been a resident of Amsterdam fourteen years; he is a member of the order of Scottish Clans, Clan McAlpine, No. 60, and is president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, an Episcopal organization in connection with that church, and is chancellor commander of Woodbine Lodge No. 250 of Knights of Pythias for 1892. May 7, 1854, he married Ann E. Keeliher of Hampshire county, Mass.; they have three children, two sons and one daughter: William Wallace, who is in Glens Falls; Helen, who married Henry I. Cook of Buffalo; and John David,

who is rector of an Episcopal church in Brooklyn. Mr. Kennedy has recently been elected city assessor for three years.

Christman, Uriah, Amsterdam, was born in Palatine, November 16, 1819, and was educated in the common schools. He was a farmer by occupation, and on January 1, 1839, he married Nancy Wicks of Canajoharie. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters: Catherine, who married Jacob E. Dygert of Palatine; Mary, who married Henry Dillenbeck of the same town; Ella, who married Simon Baunter of Amsterdam; Annie died at the age of nineteen; Martha married Byron Klock of Danube; Arthur died in his twenty-third year; Raymond, a coal merchant of this city; and John I., who is a farmer on the homestead. March 3, 1886, he married Margaret B. Walker of Broadalbin, and she died May 17, 1891. The family came from Palatine to Amsterdam in 1868. Mr. Christman was one of the directors in the Manufacturer's Bank of Amsterdam; he died April 27, 1882. John I. is one of the water commissioners of the city. The ancestry of the family is German and English.

Bostwick, John N., Amsterdam, was born in Perth, March 24, 1845, and came to Amsterdam with his parents when he was fourteen years old where he was educated in the public schools. When he attained his majority he was an expert in the business of marble and granite cutting; he is now doing a very large business, employing ten men. He has married twice, first to May Bartlett of this city, by whom he had one daughter, Kittie M. Mrs. Bostwick died in 1879. September 4, 1884, he married Ada L., youngest daughter of John and Margaret Beverly of Dolgeville, by whom he has had four children, two sons and two daughters: Stephenson Thorne, John Newman, Margaret Augusta and Lina Frances. Mrs. Bostwick's father (John Beverly), served through the late war and is now superior judge in Tacoma in the state of Washington. The ancestry of the family is Dutch and English.

Hammond, Seneca, Amsterdam, was born in Northampton, Fulton county, in January, 1829, and was educated in the public schools; he was a farmer by occupation February 20, 1858, he married Margaret Thomas of Tribes Hill; they had three sons: William I., who married Emma Radway, December 13, 1883; they have two children, both sons; Frank S. and Edward W.; Mrs. Hammond died January 5, 1890; Nicholas D. married Minnie Hoffman of this city on April 10, 1889; they have one son, Paul; and Elmer E., who married, October 1, 1888, Rachel Saulwater of the town of Florida; they have one son, Walter. Mr. Hammond died January 29, 1889. Mrs. Hammond's brother Nicholas served in the late war. He died of a wound received at Antietam, being buried on the battlefield, but several weeks afterwards his remains were taken home for burial. Mrs. Hammond is a resident of the fifth ward.

De Wolfe, Charles, Amsterdam, was born in Newport, Herkimer county, in 1833, and moved with his brother Harlow to Syracuse, where he followed the dry goods business several years. In 1852 he returned to Herkimer, accepting a position as teller in the Agricultural Bank, and in 1857 he came to Amsterdam. For a short time he was in the Farmer's Bank and afterwards assisted in organizing the First National Bank of this city, being appointed its cashier. After some years he resigned this position and assisted in organizing the Manufacturers' Bank of Amsterdam, he being its cashier for

three years. He then started to organize the Farmer's Bank of Schenectady, but died before the plans were finished April 17, 1859, he married Mary E., oldest daughter of the late Dr. Jacob and Mary (Rickard) Snell of this city; they have five children: Mary, who married Charles H. Benedict of Penn Yan; Irene L., Ella S., and Charles H., are dead, and Carrie S. resides at home with her mother. Mr. De Wolfe died August 13, 1878. The ancestry of the family is Dutch, German and French.

Van Wormer, Isaac H., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born where he now lives October 17, 1817, and is a son of Casper and Eva (Van Dyck) Van Wormer. Casper was a son of Peter Van Wormer who was the first white settler of this section. He, accompanied by a Van Heusen and a Staley, came here from Greene county prospecting in 1765, and Peter selected this spot, a grant of 200 acres, known as allotment No. 3; but he could not stay here on account of the hostility of the Indians. He returned at the close of the war in 1779. He told to his descendants the story of the battle of Saratoga, and how they heard the boom of the cannon at their home. He died in 1807 at fifty-nine years of age, leaving seven children of whom Casper was the oldest. He was born in 1770 and was married in 1795. He died in 1859, leaving eight children, of whom Isaac was the youngest, and he is the only representative of the family living. He was educated in the public schools of the county, and has always lived at the old homestead. September 5, 1855, he married Elinor Romeyn, daughter of the Rev. Thomas and Ann (Staley) Romeyn. They are the parents of three children: Harriet, now Mrs. William H. Hollenbeck, born January 18, 1856; Fannie, born March 14, 1859; Julia, born November 27, 1863. Mrs. Van Wormer died January 27, 1891.

De Graff, John D., Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born on the farm where he now lives June 22, 1820, and was a son of Daniel and Helen (Swart) De Graff. Daniel was born in Schenectady county, June 16, 1780. He was a son of Isaac De Graff, whose home was in Schenectady, and he was the father of seven children, only one of whom is now living. Nancy Toll of Michigan, ninety-six years of age. They were a very long-lived family, all living to be past eighty except Daniel who died June 24, 1857, seventy-seven years old. He left eleven children of whom only four are now living: Gazena, Elinor Clute, Anna Van Vrankin, and John D., our subject. He was educated in Amsterdam Academy under Horace Sprague, and West Galway Academy under Professor Watson, also at Poughkeepsie under Professor Roe. When he was eighteen he taught Rotterdam public school for one year, after which he came home to help his father on the farm. On March 6, 1850, he married Catherine M. Cheeseman, daughter of Benjamin and Thankful (Sanford) Cheeseman, who were residents of this town, moving here from Dutchess county in 1810. After their marriage he moved on the farm next to his present residence; thence, in 1873, he went to Scotia, and left his brother-in-law, Seneca Duell, to conduct his mill at the foot of the hill. He has been very prosperous and lives on one of the best farms in the town. They are the parents of one child, Susan E., born January 16, 1852.

Kline, Cornelius O., Amsterdam, was born on what is known as the Kline farm just out of Tribes Hill, November 1, 1815, and is a son of William and Angelica (Teller) Kline. William, his father, was a son of William Kline who came from Wittenburg,

Germany, before the war of the revolution. He lived in the old Fort Johnson, and his grandson tells that before the war the Indians came through this section and they had a great deal of trouble with them. Cornelius O., our subject, was one of ten children. He was educated in the common schools of this town and helped his father on the farm. The latter died in 1862 and left the farm to Cornelius, who has increased it by purchase until he now owns 158 acres. It is the only farm of the whole Kline tract that is left in the hands of one of the family. He was married February 1, 1849, to Julia Smith, daughter of Adam Smith of Glenville, and they were the parents of two children, one is now living, Sanford B., born in 1855. Their daughter, Helen M., died April 9, 1892, forty years of age. Mrs. Kline is living and is a comfort to her husband in his declining years.

Clerk, James N., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in what is now Perth, June 10, 1851, and is a son of Joseph and Charity (Kline) Clark. His early life was spent in Amsterdam, his parents moving there when James was but four years old. He was educated in the public schools of this town, and lived at home until his marriage, September 29, 1875, to Sarah M. Plantz, daughter of Adam and Maria (Veeder) Plantz of Mohawk. After his marriage he went into the lumber business and bought the saw-mill at Fort Johnson, which business he still follows. He has added a planing-mill to his place, and finds a ready market in Amsterdam for his lumber. He has been prosperous and successful, which he owes, under God's blessing, to his own hard work and good business qualities.

Wilde, James L., Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in Amsterdam November 12, 1825, and is a son of Joshua and Phoebe (Bostwick) Wilde. Joshua Wilde came to this county from Dutchess county in 1820, and was married two years after. He was the father of eleven children, eight of whom are living: John B., William, Obadiah, Stephen, Charles H., Jane now Mrs. Horace E. Shepard; Ann Eliza, now Mrs. Darwin Shuler; and James L., our subject. Joshua, the father, made many purchases of land in this section, and died in 1876, being then seventy years old. He left 160 acres of land to Stephen and Charles. James L. was educated in the common school and helped on the farm until his marriage with Mary Yates, February 9, 1849. She was a daughter of John and Lucinda (Fuller) Yates. After his marriage he leased a farm of 500 acres, which his father had previously owned, and which he worked five years. He then bought the farm of his present residence, a grain farm of forty acres, where he built a very fine residence and out-buildings, and made many other improvements, which have more than trebled the value of the property, making it one of the best in this part of the town. He lived in Amsterdam three years, where he was part of the time engaged in the furniture business. He also ran the saw-mill at Fort Johnson six years. He has no children, his only one, Mary Minerva, having died in 1878, twenty-seven years of age. Mrs. Wilde is living at sixty-five years of age. Mr. Wilde has never been interested in politics.

Lingenfelter, David, Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born on the farm where he lives, October 9, 1842, and is a son of Henry G. and Maria (Van Ness) Lingenfelter. Henry G. was a son of Grandus Lingenfelter, who died in 1823, forty years of age.

leaving nine children; only five are now living: Michael and David of Elgin, Illinois; Eliza Tierney of Johnstown; Margaret Finehout of Fort Johnston; Magdelen Young of Elgin. Henry G., the father of our subject, was the oldest child; he was born in 1804 and died in 1879, leaving three children: Harriet, now Mrs. Moore of Johnstown, John H. of Lansingburg, and David, our subject. The latter was educated in the common schools of this district, and helped his father on the farm until he was nineteen, when he engaged with Joseph Clark for two years, after which he spent a year in Illinois, returning the next year to engage in the mitten business in Gloversville for one year. In 1866 he joined his brother John H. and bought back the old homestead of sixty-one acres of Peter Hanson. At the death of his father he was willed his father's farm of sixty-five acres, where he now lives. Mrs. Lingenfelter, mother of our subject, died November 13, 1862. In 1881 Mr. Lingenfelter bought out his brother's interest in the two farms, and has since conducted them alone. On February 15, 1881, he married Dorothy Moore, daughter of David and Gertrude (Quilhot) Moore, and their union has been blessed by two children: Mahlon M., born February 24, 1883; and George D., born March 8, 1886.

Hanson, Ira, Amsterdam, Tribes Hill p. o., was born near where he now lives in Amsterdam, February 21, 1860, and is a son of Daniel P. and Barbara (Wert) Hanson. Daniel P. Hanson was a son of Peter N. Hanson, whose father came to this country from Germany in the early settlement of this country, and the family have always made their home in this section. Daniel was one of three children, of whom but one is living, James Hanson of Johnstown. Daniel was always respected and honored by his many friends; he died April 27, 1887, leaving a wife and three children: Edward D. A., merchant of Amsterdam, born October 20, 1862; Laura, now Mrs. Harlan Haines of Johnstown, born August 18, 1872; and our subject, Ira S. His parents came to this farm when he was eight years old, and he attended public school and assisted his father on the farm until he was married, December 20, 1883, to Minerva Mosher, daughter of Barney and Jane (Plantz) Mosher of Johnstown. After his marriage he went to Johnstown where he engaged in the glove manufacture for three years, and then came back after his father's death, and has since conducted the farm. He has been successful as a farmer, and the place is a good hay and grain farm of 100 acres.

De Graff, William, Amsterdam, was a son of Nicholas W. and Catherine (Travers) De Graff, and was born where he now lives, December 28, 1831. Nicholas W. was a son of John De Graff, born in 1793 and died in 1883, at ninety years of age. William remembers some very interesting stories his father told him of the pioneer days. He was a descendant of the De Graffs who came over from Holland two centuries ago. There were four brothers and they settled on the banks of the Mohawk, from which source the large family of De Graffs have sprung. His father told some very good stories of the Indians and their tricks, and tells of his grandfather's first settling here when the section was filled with wild animals. They were often kept awake nights by the howling of the wolves, and deer ran on the farm and in the door-yards. William was educated in the public schools, and helped his father until he was married, December 18, 1861, to Margaret A. Wemple, daughter of William C. and Elizabeth (McKin-

ney) Wemple of Florida. They are the parents of one child, David Cassidy, born August 30, 1864, who is now employed by the Chuctenunda Gas company.

De Graff, John G., Amsterdam, was born in Amsterdam within twenty rods of his present residence, January 30, 1850, and is a son of John G. and Magdalen A. (Pollock) De Graff. John G., senior, was a son of Garrett and Elizabeth (Duryea), and was the father of fifteen children, of whom eight are living: Garrett H., Minerva, Mathias, Melissa Dean, Isabelle, Charles P., Nettie, Oscar and John G. (the subject of our sketch), who was educated in the common schools, but at the age of eighteen he entered Amsterdam Academy for two years. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm, and on November 20, 1878, he married Frances A. Deuel, daughter of Seneca P. and Lucy E. (Cheesman) Deuel of Amsterdam. Mr. Deuel was born in Saratoga county in 1835. Frances was born March 23, 1860. Mr. De Graff has three children living: Florence, born August 20, 1879; Howard P., born September 23, 1887; and Lucy E., born November 16, 1891. Mr. De Graff is a successful business man, and in addition to his farm duties he conducts a market of hay, straw and coal. They live on the old homestead farm in a pleasant cottage built by Mr. De Graff. They are a prominent family in church work; Mrs. De Graff is organist, while Mr. De Graff is superintendent of the Sunday school and a church officer since 1870.

Farmer, Samuel J., Amsterdam, Rockton p. o., was born in Bristol, England, July 6, 1841, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cross) Farmer. Samuel J. attended the public school until he was fourteen, when he took a two years' course in a select school. After this he learned the mason's trade, which he has always followed. On November 29, 1862, he married Anna L. Smyth of Bristol. In 1868 he came to this country, first settling in Minaville, but stayed there less than a year when he came to Amsterdam, where he remained twelve years. In 1881 he came to Rockton, where he has built several of the largest factories of this section. He has had the contracts on L. L. Dean's, L. E. Harrower's, C. D. Austin's, Benn & Becker's, Blauvelt & Stairs', William Lindsay's, D. C. Hewitt's, and in fact all of the large buildings in the village. He has been a very prosperous mechanic, having but small means when he came to Rockton. He has by his good management and industry built up a fine property, owning five of the best and prettiest houses in Rockton, among them the fine large boarding house opposite L. L. Dean's factory.

Canda, Elizabeth and Andalusia, Hagaman's Mills, daughters of David W. and Charity (Ostrom) Canda, were born, the former January 6, 1830, and the latter on May 9, 1833, in Amsterdam. The sisters have always been found together. Their education was derived in the public school near their present place of residence. They are the direct descendants of Nehemiah Canda, who came from Connecticut in 1790 and settled in Galway, and whose son, David H., was one of the first merchants locating in Hagaman's Mills. His whole life was an interesting history. With but a common school education, at sixteen he was teaching school, then became a clerk, and then a partner. He married a granddaughter of a captain in the revolution under Washington, and joined the army, first as lieutenant, and then captain in the Light Infantry, 1807-1813. His regiment was in the battle at Plattsburgh in the war of 1812. He died April 14,

1865, the oldest member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was a prominent politician, holding the offices of postmaster and justice, and in 1820 was elected to the state assembly.

Banta, Justice L., Hagaman's Mills, was born at Hagaman's Mills April 28, 1848, and is a son of Jacob B. and Hannah M. (Leavitt) Banta. His early life was spent at home, where he received an education in the public schools. In 1864 he started the butchering business, which he followed until 1868, when he bought the Palmateer farm of fifty-three acres, which he conducted with his other business. In 1874 he added to his farm sixty acres, known as the Myndret Pawling farm. He has conducted these farms very successfully, and in 1890 he built a shoddy mill in Amsterdam, employing about twenty workers. On March 1, 1866, he married Nancy A. Peek of Hagaman's Mills, daughter of John C. and Katie (Peck) Peek. Nancy was one of a family of four children, one son and three daughters. Seven children have blessed their union: Myndret P., born May 7, 1868; Henrietta S., born May 31, 1870; Charles A., born April 10, 1873; Alvin J., born May 11, 1874; Edith M., born November 16, 1875; Jessie, born September 30, 1878; and Earl, born May 25, 1880. Mr. Banta has been director of the Merchants' Bank of Amsterdam, and is now a director of the Farmers' National Bank.

Manchester, Darius V., Tribes Hill, was born in Charleston November 27, 1840, and is a son of John L. and Margaret (Clayton) Manchester. His early life was spent on the farm, attending public school until he was twelve years old, after which he helped his father on the farm. In 1858 he went to Wisconsin, where he worked as a carpenter for three years, coming home in 1861. August 21, 1862, he enlisted in the 103d Regiment Ohio Volunteers. He first saw service at Covington, Ky., in the guard under Gen. Lew Wallace; drove the rebels ahead of them into Lexington, where they were detached and the 103d sent to Frankfort to guard the capitol. Here they made headquarters until April, 1863, were then sent to Danville and attached to the Ninth corps under Burnside, sent to invade Tennessee, where they skirmished and raided for provisions until November, when Longstreet came up and the siege of Knoxville was started, which lasted about a month; during this he received two flesh wounds. After Sherman raised the siege, they drove the rebels to the Virginia line; were then recalled to guard duty until the spring of 1864, when they were to join Sherman's army, when the Ohio and Michigan regiments were formed into the 23d corps. They had skirmishes and one decided battle at Resaca, crowding the rebels until the battle at Kenesaw Mountain, where Mr. Manchester received the wound which crippled him for life. He was discharged by Gen. Hooker at Columbus, Ohio, in February, 1865. June 24, 1870, he married Maggie Hanson of Amsterdam, and in 1877 they moved to Tribes Hill, where he bought a farm of thirty acres, and has built him a fine residence in one of the choicest locations along the river.

Wilde, Charles H., Fort Johnson, was born in Amsterdam on what is now the Daniel Hanson farm, March 13, 1845, and is a son of Joshua and Phoebe (Bostwick) Wilde. When Charles was two years old his parents moved on what is now the John B. Wilde farm, staying there one year, when they moved on the old homestead farm, where

Charles's boyhood days were spent. He attended the public school and assisted his father until he was twenty years old, and then in company with his brother Stephen he took the farm to work on shares, which they continued until the death of his father in 1876. They then succeeded to the farm, and in 1882 Charles bought out his brother's interest and now conducts it alone. On February 1, 1882, he married Libbie Johnson, daughter of David and Maria (Quilhot) Johnson of Perth. Mr. Wilde conducts the old homestead farm of 122 acres, good land for grain and hay, and has been a success as a farmer. He has never been interested in politics, content to let others govern while he does the business and work.

Shepard, Horace B., Fort Johnson, was born in Amsterdam January 10, 1845, and is a son of John R. and Harriet (Fox) Shepard. The name originates from the German, but the ancestry traced back three generations are native born. The early life of our subject was spent in this section, obtaining his education at the Fort Johnson common schools and at Amsterdam Academy. The earliest business enterprise of Mr. Shepard was in 1863, when he and his uncle rebuilt the Fort Johnson grist-mill; he conducted this until 1874, when he and his father started a grain, flour and feed store in Amsterdam, which they conducted nine years and sold it to John L. Cristman. Mr. Shepard was elected in 1883 supervisor of the town of Amsterdam before the division of the city from the town, and in 1884 was re-elected, which demonstrates his popularity and ability. In 1882 he laid the foundation of what is now the Morris Mill No. 2 at Fort Johnson, and stocked it with machinery for the manufacture of knit goods, and run it until 1885, when he sold it to A. V. Morris & Sons. This was the foundation of the enterprise, and was the building up of Fort Johnson village. January 28, 1872, he married Jane M. Wilde, daughter of Joshua and Phoebe (Bostwick) Wilde, and their union has been blessed by three children: Horace B., Jr., born April 15, 1877; Clarence W., born April 6, 1879; Belle, born August 11, 1888. Mr. Shepard's home is one of the finest residences in Fort Johnson, he having built in 1876 the large brick house and laid out the beautiful grounds of his present abode. John R., his father, died in 1885, sixty-eight years of age. His mother died in 1849, twenty-eight years of age.

Hanson, Mrs. Agnes, Tribes Hill, was born at Tribes Hill August 9, 1822, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Putnam) Vosburgh. William Henry Hanson was born at Tribes Hill October 18, 1824, and is a son of Abram and Mary M. (Hotaling) Hanson. The ancestry of this family was from Holland, and tradition says the earliest families of Hanson and Houghtaling came to this country about 1650. It certainly is a fact that the earliest records of any public documents in this country, find these two families already located. Victor Hanson is the first one of the family recorded. He had a son, John, the father of eleven children: Henry, Abram, Nicholas, William B., Harmanus, John, Barney, Victor, Maria, Rebecca and Katherine. Abram, the father of our subject, was born in 1788, and was a soldier in war of 1812. He died in 1862, leaving two sons, John, born 1810, now deceased; and William H. (our subject), who died January 17, 1866, leaving nine children, of whom five are living: Mary M., now Mrs. D. V. Manchester, born December 19, 1844; Lucy, now Mrs. Robert Worrell widow, born January 14, 1852; Anna E., born March 25, 1856; Franc C., born Feb-

ruary 4, 1858; Sarah M., now Mrs. William H. Lambert of Pittsburg, Pa., born August 9, 1860. Abram Vosburgh (grandfather of our subject) was a colonel in the revolution, and he was the father of six children, of which John, father of Mrs. Hanson, was the oldest. He was born December 8, 1782, and died in 1862 leaving ten children, of whom five are living: Maria Lasher of Albion; Peter Vosburgh of Tribe, Hill; Susan Cocoro of Fort Johnson; John Vosburgh of Ashton, Ill., and our subject Agnes Hanson.

Sweet, John S., Fort Johnson, was born in Florida December 1, 1839, and is a son of Lansing and Elizabeth (Schuyler) Sweet. The family ancestry traces back to Wales and the earliest settlers of the name were three brothers who came to this country in 1725, and one settled in Wilmington, N. C., and one in Connecticut, the other, Matthew, settled in Rhode Island, and was the great-grandfather of our subject. He was the father of ten children; of these was one named Samuel, one of the youngest, and he was born about 1755, and lived to be over eighty years old. He was the father of three children: Watterman, Nathaniel, and John G., who was born in 1785, and died in 1808, leaving seven children, of whom two are still living: John L. Sweet of Florida; and S. Spencer of California. His oldest son, L. W. Sweet (the father of our subject), was born March 9, 1812, was married in March, 1835, and died January 13, 1885. He was the father of two children, D. Spencer of Fort Johnson, and our subject, John S. The earliest settler of this name in this country was Samuel, great-grandfather of John S. He came here about 1798 and settled on the farm in Florida, where Watterman J. Sweet now lives; and the family have always lived in that town until 1840, when Lansing W. moved to Amsterdam and bought the farm where John S. now resides. Mr. Sweet was educated in the common school and at Fort Plain Seminary. He was married May 10, 1883, to Sarah Putnam, daughter of Victor C. and Jane (Stoller) Putnam. Mr. Sweet has always lived on the old homestead farm and is a prosperous farmer. In 1888 he was elected supervisor, and has also held many other town offices of honor and trust. His farm is part of the old Fort Johnson farm, and has 100 acres devoted to dairy and grain.

Sweet Spencer D., Fort Johnson, was born on the Lansing Sweet farm at Fort Johnson May 26, 1852, and is a son of Lansing W. and Elizabeth (Schuyler) Sweet. Our subject has always lived on the farm of his birth, where he still resides. He was educated at the Fort Johnson school and assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-seven years old, then he leased it and worked it for himself. On November 29, 1882, he married Lizzie Rose, daughter of William Rose of Woodstock, Ontario, and they are the parents of three children: S. Ida, born December 9, 1883; Lansing W., born February 14, 1885; and Spencer, born February 2, 1891. Mr. Sweet has been a successful farmer, and erected in 1886 a very pretty residence and out-buildings. His farm of seventy-one acres is devoted to hay and grain culture. He is not a politician, but has been elected to positions of trust, and he desires to be known as an honest upright citizen.

Failing, Jacob H., Minden, the son of Henry Failing, was born in St. Johnsville April 11, 1776, and married, January 1, 1798, Gertrude Dockery. She was born March

26, 1780, and died May 26, 1839. Their children were John Adam, born September 18, 1800, and died in Palatine; Eva, born October 20, 1802, married Daniel Graff, and died in Minden; Mary, born November 15, 1804, married John A. Snell, and died in Minden; Nancy, born May 13, 1810, widow of John Feeter, resides in Little Falls; Gertrude, born November 5, 1811, married Conrad Snell, and died in Amsterdam; Julia, born January 11, 1816, wife of Enoch Snell of St. Johnsville; Reuben; Margaret, married Solomon Smith, and died in Minden, and Alexander, who died young. Jacob H. died January 26, 1859. Reuben, of the above family, was born in St. Johnsville October 3, 1817, and married in November, 1837, Catharine, daughter of Adam Klock. She was born May 5, 1819. Their children were, first, Jacob H., died in St. Johnsville; second, Adam L., born in St. Johnsville October 20, 1842, married Rachel, daughter of Gabriel Smith, and they have one child, Lillian; he is a Republican in politics, and has been supervisor two years; third, Jason, a resident of La Salle county, Illinois; fourth, Joseph, born in St. Johnsville September 25, 1846, married Mary, daughter of William Haradan of Minden. Their children are: Catharine, wife of John Sponable of Minden; Wilson R., born October 10, 1870; Jacob H., born May 8, 1872; Josephine Lindon, born May 19, 1877; Marcus H., born January 19, 1879; Nelson, born January 20, 1881. Joseph has always been a resident of Minden except two years, when he moved to St. Johnsville. His children are all natives of Minden except the oldest; he is a Republican. Fifth, Harry, and sixth, Gertrude, both died young. Reuben married, second, Mrs. Mary (Bates) Smith, and their children were, first, John R., born in Minden February 19, 1859, married Minnie, daughter of Gideon Bellinger; he has one child, Charles Adam. He is a Republican, and engaged in farming. Third, Frank M., born in Minden October 17, 1863, married Corne C., daughter of John Nugent; they have no children; he is a farmer, and a Republican. Fourth, Alberta, died young. Fifth, Reuben, a resident of Minden. Reuben was one of the largest farmers in Minden, of which town he became a resident in the spring of 1847, and where he died August 29, 1879.

Johnson, Mrs. Angelica, Fort Johnson, was born in the town of Amsterdam, near Tribes Hill, February 4, 1816, and is a daughter of John and Maria (Hanson) Kline. David B. Johnson was born in Columbia county in 1815, and died in 1887, leaving ten children. (See Wm. H. Johnson Biog.). John Kline, father of Mrs. Johnson, was a son of William Kline, who, with two brothers, came to this country from Holland when this country was a wilderness and settled on a square mile of land on the north side of the Mohawk. He was the father of ten children, of whom John, father of our subject, was the second. He was born in 1778, and died in 1867, leaving six children: Peter, Maria, Rachel, William, Henry, and Angelica (our subject), the last of the family. She was married, April 6, 1864, to D. B. Johnson, a farmer of this town. In 1886, a year previous to his death, they moved to Fort Johnson, where he bought a very fine residence on the main street of the village. After his death the farm was sold and

Mrs. Johnson has since lived in her village home. She has always taken an active interest in church work, and is now a member of the Tribes Hill Presbyterian church.

Ireland, Jay, Fort Johnson, was born in the town of Amsterdam near Fort Johnson, April 1, 1851, and is a son of Thomas S. and Elizabeth (McKay) Ireland. (See T. S Ireland.) The early life of our subject was spent in Amsterdam and Fort Johnson. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1864 he came to this place with his uncle, Obadiah Wilde, and after the latter's death (in 1865) Jay made his home with his aunt Eliza (McKay) Wilde, a sister of George and Robert McKay. When he was twenty years of age he engaged with Caughnet & Murphy in a leather dressing mill, remaining with them four years, after that conducted his aunt's farm of twenty-two acres for about six years, then went as clerk for T. H. Kibbie in his store at Fort Johnson; then was at home gardening two years, and then engaged with A. V. Morris & Co. to take charge of their picking department and store room, a position which he still fills. On August 6, 1884, he married Nellie Stearns, daughter of Calvin D. Stearns of Iowa, formerly of Saratoga, but when she married she was a resident of Perth.

Wilde, Stephen T., Fort Johnson, was born in the town of Amsterdam on the old Wilde farm, February 25, 1840, and is a son of Joshua and Phoebe (Bostwick) Wilde. (See J. L. Wilde biog.) The early life of our subject was spent on the farm and attending the common school and he still lives on a part of the old farm. On February 4, 1888, he married Sarah M. Johnson, daughter of David B. and Maria (Quilhot) Johnson of Perth. Mr. Wilde bought in 1884 a farm of seventy-five acres, known as the old Peter Banta farm, which is worked on shares for him. He sold his interest in his father's estate to his brother Charles, reserving the southern portion, a piece of about five acres, where he has built a beautiful residence and out-buildings. Mr. Wilde is a member of the official board of the West Amsterdam Methodist church, and is considered in this part of the town as one of their best men. He has been a prosperous man and owes his prosperity under Divine Providence to his own hard work, good management and integrity.

Ireland, Thomas S., Fort Johnson, was born at Malta, Saratoga county, October 2, 1822, and is a son of Stephen and Mary (Thurber) Ireland. Stephen, father of our subject, was a son of Stephen Ireland who was a native of this country, although going back a few generations before, the family was one of the English aristocracy. He was the father of ten children, of which Stephen was the eighth. He was born in 1793 and was married when he was twenty-two years old, and was the father of ten children, of which five are now living: Mrs. Abbie Stoker of Fort Johnson, a widow; James Ireland of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Jennie Stewits of Grand Rapids; Edward S. Ireland of Denver; and our subject, Thomas S. The latter was educated in the public school and at Amsterdam Academy. When he was twenty-one years of age he was teaching in the district, and made his home on his father's farm for four years. On August 15, 1848, he married Mary E. McKay of Amsterdam, and they were the parents of six children, five of them are living: Eliza, now Mrs. Chas. Steinberg of Minden, born April 22, 1849; Jay, born April 1, 1851; Eugene, born June 22, 1853; Frank, born May 30, 1859; Edward,

born July 10, 1863; Anna was born June 16, 1857, and died July 30, 1887. After his marriage he again taught school, staying here two years, also at Tribes Hill two years and Fultonville three years, and then at Canajoharie where he taught five years, and was then elected school commissioner, served as such three years, then taught thirteen years longer at Canajoharie; after this he held many different offices: paymaster on the Saratoga and Mount McGregor railroad, general agent for the Juvane Co., manufacturers of globes, and secretary for William Arkell for one year. He came back to Fort Johnson in 1889 to teach. In 1891 he erected a beautiful home on the Main street, and lives in happiness and ease.

Clark, Joseph, Fort Johnson, was born in the town of Amsterdam, but what is now Perth, May 17, 1815, and is a son of George and Mary (Major) Clark. George Clark, father of our subject, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, October 1, 1780. He came to this country in 1801 and settled in Galway, and he was married and became the father of seven children; four are now living: George, jr., of Perth; Margaret E., now Mrs. Robert Campbell, widow of Johnstown; Jane M., now Mrs. John C. McVan of Caledonia; and Joseph, our subject. George Clark after leaving Galway bought a farm of one hundred acres in Perth, cleared it up and built a log house, log barn and made it a good farm. He was drafted for the war of 1812, and lived and died on the old homestead. Joseph (our subject) attended public school and lived at home until his marriage, May 31, 1843, to Charity Kline, daughter of George and Sarah (Van Ness) Kline of this town. He moved on a part of his father's farm of forty acres, where he remained ten years. In 1853 he bought the farm of 110 acres where he moved to in 1855. (For family statistics see Wm. Clark's biog.) Mr. Clark remembers some of the incidents of his parents' experience in their early settlement here—how they were obliged to go four miles to reach a church, and he has now the old side-saddle on which his mother rode. They endured many hardships which the present generation will never know. Mr. Clark has never been interested in politics, but has given his whole time to the management of his farm, which is in fine condition.

Pepper, Aaron, Fort Johnson, was born in Aekhorst, Germany, May 5, 1814, and is a son of Cordt and Louisa (Thundermeir) Pepper. He came to this country in 1842 and settled at Schenectady, where he made brooms for six years. In 1846 he married Mary Hazeloe of Germany, and they were the parents of two children: Caroline, now Mrs. Horseman of Schenectady; and Aaron of Chicago. In 1848 he came to the town of Amsterdam, and in 1851 bought the farm of 120 acres where he now lives. He has built up one of the finest residences on the river, with many other improvements, and has added a farm of 225 acres, making him owner of 345 acres in this place. In 1855 his wife died at forty-six years of age. In 1869 Mr. Pepper bought the old Lingenfelter place of seventy-eight acres at Tribes Hill which he leases to a tenant. On August 26, 1857, he married Mary Myers of Germany and they are the parents of five children: Louisa, now Mrs. Krechtling of New Jersey; William, of Gloversville; Lydia, now Mrs. Geo. B. Wayne of Johnstown; Louie and Walter. Mr. Pepper is one of the prosperous and successful farmers of the town of Amsterdam, and owes his prosperity under Divine Providence to his own industry. He has had reverses too; in 1877 he lost broom shop and barns with all the stock in them by fire. Has also lost by being

willing to assist his friends. He has been elected to town office by the largest majority ever known here, which testifies to his popularity, and his son William was elected in 1889 to the office of supervisor, and to his second term in 1890, filling the office of honor and trust for the best interests of the people.

Marcellus Family, The.—Along in the eighteenth century there was a family by the name of Marcellus lived in Manny's Corners, who owned nearly all the land in that section. There were three sons, one of whom was Hanning Marcellus. He was the father of eight children; Jeremiah, Hester, Ahasuerus, Isaac, Laney A., Betsey, John C. and David. Jeremiah, the oldest, was born in 1800 and was married five times. By his first wife he had one child, George; his second wife was Sophronia Davison and had two children, Catharine A., now Mrs. Charles H. Ostrom, and James N. His third wife was a sister of the second, Margaret Davison, and had one son, Mahlon. George married Margaret Shuler, and they were the parents of four children; three are living: Georgiana, Isabelle, Amanda, Alva, the only son, died in 1891, twenty-nine years of age. James N. of Glenville, and Malon of Amsterdam are the only living male descendants of this historic family.

Marcellus, James N., Glenville, was born in Amsterdam December 31, 1839, and is a son of Jermiah and Sophronia Marcellus. His early life was spent at home on the farm and attending the district school until his father's death, which occurred August 19, 1866, after which he conducted the farm where he now resides, of 120 acres, known as the old homestead. On February 11, 1864, he married Eliza Van Epps of Glenville; they have one child, Mary L., now Mrs. Frank Clow, who was born August 19, 1869. Frank Clow is a medical missionary and is now stationed with his family in South Western Africa. Mrs. Marcellus died September 30, 1874. On September 22, 1876, he married Mary L. Van Epps, daughter of Isaac D. and Eliza (Staley) Van Epps.

Marcellus, Mahlon, was educated in the public school of Glenville and lived at home until his marriage, which occurred September 16, 1870. His wife's name was Carrie Britton, a daughter of Harmanus and Mary (Van Wormer) Britton of Glenville. After his marriage he moved on the farm of 100 acres left him by his father, which is his present residence. Their union has been blessed by one child, Margaret D., born December 13, 1872. These brothers live by each other, and are happy, prosperous and comfortable.

Grant, Donald, Amsterdam, was born on the farm where he now lives, September 6, 1844, and is a son of Gregor and Mary Grant. Gregor Grant was born April 5, 1800, in Scotland and came to this country in 1833. Mrs. Grant was born April 10, 1810, in Scotland and came here in 1836, when they were immediately married on June 6, 1836. They were the parents of six children; only one is living, Donald, our subject. He was educated in the public schools of this town and was but seventeen years old when the war broke out; he enlisted the next year in the 115th N. Y. Volunteers. He saw service first at Harper's Ferry under Gen. Miles, commanding the 10th corps. He was taken prisoner September 14, 1862, but was paroled and sent to Chicago and soon after ordered back to Washington where they were exchanged. Then they were ordered to Yorktown and thence to Hilton Head to do garrison duty; thence to Jacksonville, under

Gen. Gilmore, and at the battle of Olustee, February 20, 1864, he was wounded and taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville. He was exchanged December 10, 1864, had two months' furlough, and again joined his regiment and remained until the close of the war. On October 25, 1870, he married Sarah A. Branson of Amsterdam town. They have three children living: Nellie B., born June 18, 1876; Donald, born May 17, 1883; Jessie S., born August 30, 1885. After the war he returned to the old homestead farm, and raises fruit and vegetables, and has made it one of the prettiest places in town; with good residence and out-buildings, and every evidence of prosperity.

Mathias, James, Cranesville, was born in Albany county July 30, 1836, and is a son of Frederick and Eunice (Remer) Mathias. The ancestors of this family, going back for five generations, were natives of this country; but they trace their lineage on the father's side to Germany, and on the mother's side to Holland. They were among the earliest settlers of Albany and Schoharie counties, and among the early settlers appear the names of two Mathiases, and from one of these this family sprang. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Albany county and a course in Watervale Seminary. He stayed at home until the war broke out in 1861 when he enlisted in the 91st Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers. He saw service in the Gulf department of Florida and Louisiana, first under Gen. Hunter for six months, where his regiment was doing garrison duty at Key West; after which Gen. Ben. Butler took command and they were sent to Pensacola to guard the forts at that place. Butler was transferred in six months to the army of the Potomac and the 91st Regiment to Baton Rouge under Gen. Banks, where they did garrison duty for three months, then they made a reconnaissance to Fort Hudson and then marched to Donaldsonville and Brashear City; thence they took transport up the lake, where they fought the battle of Irish Bend and pursued the enemy to Alexandria. He was in all the engagements at Port Hudson, where he was wounded in the leg June 14, 1863. It was almost a loss of his limb, but it was saved after a year's suffering. He was discharged from the service on account of this, and came home. He was married May 21, 1857, to Magdalen Ogsbury of Albany county, and they have had seven children, five of whom are living: Henry, born June 11, 1858; Abram, born January 1, 1860; Jennie, born January 1, 1864; Eunice, born January 1, 1866; Charles, born in Tennessee March 7, 1882. In February, 1892, Mr. Mathias came to his present home, a farm of eighty-two acres, where he has built fine out-buildings, and is erecting a beautiful residence.

Neff, Joseph, Cranesville, was born in the town of Amsterdam April 6, 1827, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Kline) Neff. Daniel Neff was born in this county, but his father came from England. Joseph Kline, grandfather of our subject, was also born in this country, his father coming from Holland. Daniel Neff was one of the early settlers of this section. He bought of Gilbert Marcellus a farm of 135 acres and afterwards sixty-five acres of David Wilde. Mr. Neff succeeded to the larger farm at the death of his father, which occurred in 1882 when he was eighty years old. He left two sons: Andrew of Amsterdam, and Joseph, our subject. Joseph's early life was spent at home. He secured an education at Amsterdam Academy, and at the age of eighteen went to Rahway, N. J., where he learned the carriage maker's trade. There he stayed

five years; thence he went to Tennessee and stayed there five years; then spent another five years in Mississippi. In 1861 he returned to this town where he has since remained. On May 8, 1852, he married Adeline Smith of Rahway, and they are the parents of four children, two are living: Carrie, now Mrs. Moses Ritter of Rawhay, and M. Mabel. The name of Neff is one well-known throughout our county, as Daniel Neff, father of our subject, was connected with canal work over twenty years; and Joseph has held offices of trust and honor in this town many terms.

Bronk, Philip, Glenville, was born in New Baltimore, Greene county, October 9, 1818, and is a son of Joseph and Harriet (Conine) Bronk. This name is one of the oldest in our country. The ancestors were Hollanders. Joseph was a patriot soldier in the war of 1812. He died Christmas eve, 1872, aged 79. He was the father of twelve children, of whom four are now living: Mary; Rebecca J., now Mrs. Isaiah Hannay of Greenville, Greene county; James J. of New Baltimore; and Philip, our subject. The early life of the latter was spent at home, helping on the farm and attending school. On April 11, 1855, he married Lydia Wolfe, daughter of John R. and Abigail (Foster) Wolfe of Greene county. Mrs. Bronk's ancestors on the father's side were Hollanders, and on the mother's side English. Her uncle, Philip Wolfe, was a soldier in the revolution. Her grandfather, Kellip Foster, was one of the earliest settlers of the State. After his marriage they came to this town where Mr. Bronk had the year before bought a farm of seventy acres, and they have since lived here, and they are the parents of one child, Harriet F., born January 2, 1857. Mr. Bronk has a fine dairy and grain farm, and is considered a successful, prosperous farmer.

Collins, Japhet, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam at Harrower's Mill, August 16, 1823, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Siklman) Collins, formerly of Dutchess county, who came here in 1810. Joseph Collins died in 1864, eighty-eight years of age. He was the father of thirteen children, of whom five are now living: Stephen H., Ira, Oliver, Abigail, now Mrs. Root of Illinois, and Japhet, our subject. He was educated in the public schools of this town, and worked on the farm until he was twenty-eight years of age. February 26, 1852, he married Sarah A. Rowe, daughter of Henry and Martha (Ostrom) Rowe of Amsterdam. Two years previous he bought a farm of thirty acres south of Hagaman's Mills, which he sold in 1854 and then bought a farm of sixty-three acres on Manny's road, where he remained fifteen years. In 1869 he sold this farm and bought his present place of 100 acres, a fine dairy farm, with a beautiful residence. He is the father of three children, two are now living: Harriet L., now Mrs. John Cook, born March 10, 1855; Henry J., born January 27, 1858. The son they lost, George L., born December 1, 1859, was killed by a horse July 31, 1872. Mrs. Collins died March 15, 1883. Mrs. Cook, their daughter, lives with her father to comfort and care for him. She is the mother of three children: Sarah G. Staley, born December 29, 1876; William H. Cook born, October 26, 1882; Delia B., died April 13, 1889, three years old. Mr. Collins has always been a hard-working farmer and he is now rewarded by having a very fine property, and being respected by neighbors and friends.

Clark, William, Amsterdam, Fort Johnson p. o., was born in Perth Jny 15, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Charity (Kline) Clark. Joseph was a son of George Clark,

who came to this country from Scotland in 1801, and located in Perth; he married soon after his arrival, Mary Major, daughter of John Major of Charlton. They had eight children, four of whom are living: George, now living on the old homestead; Margaret Campbell of Johnstown; Jane McVean of Caledonia; and Joseph, father of our subject, born May 17, 1815. He was married May 31, 1843. They had five children, four are living: Sarah J., Mrs. M. Stoller Moore; Hannah E., Mrs. Obadiah Wilde; James N. of this town; and William. Mrs. Clark, their mother, died March 16, 1883, sixty-eight years of age. The early life of William was spent in the town of Amsterdam. His parents came here from Perth when he was but six years old. He was educated in the public schools of this town, and helped his father on the farm. December 17, 1879, he married Hattie Parris of Johnstown, after which he assumed control of the farm where he now lives, a fine dairy and grain farm of 100 acres. In 1891 Mr. Clerk was elected supervisor of the town of Amsterdam, and re-elected in 1892, which shows his popularity with the citizens of this place.

Hurst, Henry, Tribes Hill, was born in Albany April 2, 1831, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth Hurst. The ancestors of this family are from the North of Ireland, and came to this country in 1770. The father of our subject had seven children, three are living: Mrs. George Featherly of Albany; Mrs. William Course of Shushan, Washington county; and our subject, Henry, whose early life was spent at home until his parents both died. He was then but nine years old, and was obliged to care for himself. When he was sixteen he came to Tribes Hill where his brother Joseph had a blacksmith shop, and he helped him here and in Johnstown until 1852. On February 9, 1852, he married Hannah Cooper, daughter of James and Catherine (Putnam) Cooper of this place. They have six children: James H., born October 9, 1852; Oliver, born April 11, 1854; Charles N., born November 27, 1860; Sarah C., now Mrs. Lee Hilsinger of Frankfort, Ind., born June 18, 1863; Frances C., now Mrs. Henry Miller of Tribes Hill, born November 27, 1867; and May, born December 25, 1871. After his marriage Mr. Hurst gave up blacksmithing and learned the stone-cutter's trade, which he has since followed. In 1852 he and his brother-in-law, Wilson Putnam, opened a stone quarry on Rocky hill; they conducted this five years; after this Mr. Hurst conducted the business alone. In 1869 he bought of Jane Fisher a quarry of five acres, from which he has filled contracts for trimming stone, some of the best buildings in the valley being furnished from this quarry. The firm name is now Henry Hurst & Son, his son Oliver being connected with him. James H. was educated for a lawyer at Cornell University, and is now in Europe. Mr. Hurst has built one of the finest residences in the town, an illustration of what ambition, industry and thrift will do for a man.

Harrower, Lewis Eugene, Hagaman's Mills, was born at Hagaman's Mills, October 24, 1859. His early life was spent on his birthplace, where he obtained the best education possible to be had in the common schools of that village. July 17, 1880, he started, in company with F. W. Wainman, a shoddy mill at what is now Harrower's, a thriving village of 350 inhabitants, whose people all find employment with Mr. Harrower, Mr. Wainman having left in 1881. In that year they began the manufacture of knit goods, which has been very prosperous. Lewis E. is a son of Peter H. and

Mary J. (Pawling) Harrower. January 12, 1888, he married Sarah J. Pitts of Ballston, and they are now the parents of three children: Margarete P., born April 14, 1890; Mattie Estella, born May 18, 1891; and Lewis Eugene, jr., born March 13, 1892.

Maynard, A. J., Hagaman's Mills, was born in Elmira, May 30, 1857, and is a son of John B. and Mary (Smith) Maynard. When he was six years old his parents moved to Little Falls, where he attended the public school until he was twelve years old, when he entered Fairfield Academy, where he spent five years. He then went to J. Stitt's woolen mill to the wool sorter's trade, going from there to S. B. Stitts to take charge of the wool room for eight years. In 1875 he went to Philadelphia for the same company to grade and buy wool in the west. In 1880 he settled in Hagaman's Mills, sorting wool at first, then taking charge of the seaming room until 1888, when he started a general grocery store. Mr. Maynard has added to a small stock and small trade, until now he controls a large double store well stocked with everything in the line of groceries, crockery, flour, feed, etc. On November 4, 1883, he married Ada McClellan of this place, who lived but seven years after her marriage, dying August 14, 1890, leaving no children.

Collins, Tunis V., Amsterdam, was born in Lyme, Jefferson county, June 3, 1838, and is a son of John S. and Mary (Nott) Collins. His parents had previously lived in Amsterdam and came back here in 1849 and settled about a mile east of Hagaman's Mills on a farm of 108 acres where they have since resided until the death of his father, John S., which occurred January 25, 1892. Tunis left home at the age of twenty-one and rented a farm near Hagaman's Mills where he remained two years, when he and his brother Stephen bought what is now the Elmwood farm, consisting of 150 acres, now owned by Stephen Collins. The brothers worked this farm twelve years, during which time they bought the farm known as the Truman Brown place of sixty-five acres. In 1877 the brothers dissolved partnership, Stephen retaining the Elmwood farm, and Tunis taking the Brown place and the difference in money, which he traded with George Herrick for the farm of 145 acres where he now resides. On July 3, 1863, he married Rachel Shedd of Jefferson county, who lived less than three years after her marriage. On February 17, 1870, he married Elinor Hagaman, daughter of Nicholas and Isabel (Main) Hagaman, and they are now the parents of three children: James A., born March 16, 1875; George H., born August 14, 1876; and Harlan M., born August 16, 1878.

Johnson, Mrs. T. P., Manny's Corners, was born in Amsterdam, June 1, 1832, and is a daughter of F. D. and Anne (Cooley) Van Wermer. Her father was born in Amsterdam in 1806 and her mother two years later in Florida. Egbert Van Wermer, grandfather of Mrs. Johnson, was one of the first settlers in Montgomery county. His wife's name was Elizabeth De Graff, which name is one of the oldest in the history of the county, appearing in all the old records. Mrs. Johnson secured an education in the public schools of Florida and at the early age of twenty-two, August 10, 1854, she was married to Thomas Payne Johnson of Amsterdam, son of John and Patience (Scribner) Johnson, who came to this town in 1797 when Thomas was but three years old, from Ballston. Mr. Johnson's noted name was given him from Thomas Payne, who was an

intimate friend of his father. T. P. Johnson died March 11, 1884, aged ninety years. His whole life was spent on the farm with the exception of about six months in the army during the war of 1812, and a few years he worked at the blacksmith's trade. His father's name appears as one of the revolutionary soldiers. Mrs. Johnson lives on and manages the farm left her by her husband.

Lepper, Charles W., Fort Johnson, was born on the farm in the town of Amsterdam where he now resides, March 20, 1853, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Murray) Lepper. The great-grandfather of our subject, Frederick, came to this country from Germany, and he was the father of six children, of whom Jacob, grandfather of our subject, was the oldest. He was born in 1777, and he died June 29, 1855, leaving nine children, four are still living: Hannah Shuler of Amsterdam; Patty McKay of Amsterdam; Margaret Wicks of Starkville, Herkimer county; and John, the father of our subject. The latter was born in this town March 26, 1813. He was married to Mary A. Murray, daughter of John Murray of Albany, September 1, 1847, and they have been blessed with seven children, four of whom are living: John R. of Bergen county, N. J.; Jacob F. of Fort Johnson; Catherine, now Mrs. Rollin Zoller of Herkimer county. Their father, John Lepper, died December 6, 1891. Mrs. Lepper, his mother, is living at the age of seventy-three. Charles has always lived on the old homestead, and February 11, 1891, he married Maude Edwards of Ballston Spa. He has been a prosperous farmer and a good citizen.

Herrick, George I., Amsterdam, was born in Florida March 20, 1839, and was educated in the common schools; he taught school two winters and was a farmer until he was forty-four years old; he has been a resident of this city eleven years, conducting a wholesale and retail coal business; he has been alderman of the second ward two terms, is one of the directors of the Amsterdam Savings Bank, one of the trustees of the M. E. church and of the Y. M. C. A. On November 23, 1864, he married Margaret S., second daughter of the late Alfred and Margaret (Peters) Birch of Amsterdam; they have three children, two sons and one daughter: Daniel D., Cora L., and Alfred B. Mr. Herrick's father, Daniel B., was also born in Florida in 1810 and married Mary Loomis of his native town; she was born in Massachusetts. They had five children, two sons and three daughters: Nancy, Harriet, George I., Alice and Dennison. His grandfather, Rufus, father of Daniel D., was also born in that town; he married three times and died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years.

Dolan, Rev. John W., Mohawk, son of Luke and Mary (Heany) Dolan, was born December 15, 1856. He attended school in Albany, graduated from the Syracuse High School in 1874, and from Manhattan College in 1878. He was ordained at Troy Seminary in 1882, and was assistant to Father Hovermans of St. Mary's church of Troy for two years. He was at Skaneateles three months, and was assistant to Father Fury of St. Anne's church for two years. He then had charge of St. Paul's church at Hancock for ten months. In July, 1888, he took charge of St. Cecilia's church of Fonda, and also had charge of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Tribes Hill.

Dockstader, John F., Fonda, was one of the early settlers of this town, and was a son of John Dockstader. John F. was born in this town October 25, 1784, and married

Maria, daughter of John Casselman. She was born May 25, 1791. He was a farmer and died March 3, 1858. His wife died October 5 1874. Their two children were Catharine and Benjamin, the former being deceased. Benjamin was born July 24, 1821, and married Mary J. Seaman, by whom he has one child, Benjamin F., who was born August 28, 1861. He married Alice M. Hopey, and they have four children: Edna M., James S., Kate, and Walter D. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Grange No. 579, and is master and purchasing agent of the lodge.

Sanford, D. Halsey, Tribes Hill, was born in Amsterdam February 12, 1835, and is a son of George and Catherine A. (Stanton) Sanford. George was a son of Hugh Sanford, who came to this section in 1790 from Long Island. He located at Tribes Hill, where he had a blacksmith shop, and afterward a store and hotel near where Zieley's hotel is now. November 1, 1795, he married Ruth Halsey, and they were the parents of eleven children. Hugh died March 13, 1836, seventy-one years old; Ruth Halsey, his wife, August 25, 1866, ninety-seven years of age. George Sanford, their son (father of our subject), was born August 6, 1804, at Tribes Hill, and was a wagon maker and conducted a business in Amsterdam for many years. He then went to Hagaman's Mills to farm it for about eighteen years, then came back to the old Sanford homestead, where he died December 5, 1867. His wife, whom he married April 21, 1830, died March 26, 1889. They were the parents of two children: Hugh Stanton Sanford, living in Michigan, and D. Halsey, our subject. His early life was spent at home; he attended public school and finished his education at a select school at North Broadalbin. When twenty-one his parents moved to Tribes Hill, where he has since lived, with the exception of three years that he conducted a grocery store at Pittsfield, Mass. January 4, 1860, he married Mary M. Pettingill of Mohawk, and they have two children: Cornelius and Carrie. They also lost two, George and Louella. Mr. Sanford has always taken an active part in church work and is a trustee of the Presbyterian church at Tribes Hill. He has held many offices of honor and trust in the town of Mohawk, and is as much interested in politics as he has ever been. He conducts successfully a farm of over eighty acres, all under cultivation for hay and grain.

Lasher, Peter, Mohawk, son of John S., was born in Columbia county in 1802. In 1807 his father moved to Johnstown and purchased a farm of over 200 acres. He died in 1838. Peter grew up on his father's farm. In 1855 he bought a farm of 275 acres in the town of Mohawk. In 1861 he had a large farm in Johnstown, and he was considered a very successful farmer. He married Catharine, daughter of Cornelius Smith, and they had six children: Eli, who lives in Gloversville; Jennie, wife of Dwight German, and a resident of Schenectady; Anna, wife of E. C. Quinby, and who lives in New Richmond, Wis.; William M., a resident of Fonda; John, deceased; Maggie (deceased), wife of Edward S. Horton, a resident of Fonda; Peter, deceased. William M. was born in 1837. In 1862 he went to work for the N. Y. C. R. R. Company at the Albany freight house; after a few months he began as brakeman on the road, running between Albany and Syracuse, which position he filled for two years, when he was employed as the western advertising agent of the company, in which capacity he served eleven years. He was then appointed conductor for a year, running between Albany and Syracuse, after which he was sleeping-car conductor for fifteen years. He

left the road in 1886 and has not since been engaged in business. He is a member of Fultonville Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., and Freeport Chapter 27 of Freeport, Ill., and of Freeport Commandery, Knights Templar. The Lasher house is the oldest in the town, having been built by Jellis Fonda more than a century ago. It is still in good condition and is noted for its grand prospect of river scenery.

Brown, Rev. George W., Mohawk, son of Augustus and Jane (Dingman) Brown, was born at Canajoharie February 14, 1850. He was educated at Canajoharie Academy, Cazenovia Seminary and Syracuse University. In 1876 he was stationed at Corinth, Saratoga county, and has been engaged in the ministry ever since. In 1884 he came to Fonda, returning after three years. He taught school for seven terms before he began his ministerial work. In 1877 he married Florence Owens of Corinth. They have one child, Frederick. Augustus Brown was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1809, and was a metal-worker by trade. In 1832 he came to America and settled in Canajoharie. When the Erie canal was widened he contracted to furnish a large quantity of stone for that work from Onondaga quarries. In 1844 he married Jane Dingman of Charleston. Two of their children are living, Rev. G. W. and Tina, both residing in Fonda. He died May 27, 1890. His wife is still living with her son.

Whitmore, Peter, Fonda, was a small boy when the revolution broke out, and was taken prisoner by the Indians, with the rest of the family. After they were released Peter went to live with a Mr. Yost in the town of Johnstown, and on coming of age married a Miss Boshart and bought a farm, residing in Johnstown during his life. He died aged about forty-five. He had three sons: John, Jacob and George, and six daughters. John, the oldest son, was born August 16, 1802, and resided in Johnstown until after he became of age. He then married Mary Wert of Johnstown, and after two or three years bought the farm now owned by his son John. He held the office of assessor, also highway commissioner and other offices. He died February 9, 1872. His wife, who survives him, was born September 13, 1803, and had six children: Peter, John, George, Hannah, Margaret and Eliza. Hannah and Eliza are deceased. John was born on the farm where he now lives, April 4, 1838.

Schuyler, Hamilton, Mohawk, son of Richard, was born in 1813 in the town of Mohawk, and married Magdalene Nare, by whom he had two sons and four daughters. He held the offices of supervisor, commissioner of highways, and other town offices. He was a successful farmer, and died July 31, 1882. His wife died in June, 1880. James C., son of Hamilton, was born September 2, 1845, and resides on the farm where he was born. He received a common school education. In 1871 he married Alida Garlock, daughter of Peter Garlock of Canajoharie, and they have three children: Nellie G., Carrie D. and Arthur H. Mr. Schuyler clerked in a store for a few months, and the rest of the time has been engaged in farming. He is a member of Mohawk Grange.

Sanderson, Frederick N., Fonda, son of Jonathan B. and Mary (Nahre) Sanderson, was born June 30, 1853, in Glen. His father died when Frederick was young, and he had to earn his own living. He received only a common school education, and learned the painter's trade, which he has since carried on. In 1888 he opened a store in Fonda,

and in 1890 he was elected trustee of the village. December 7, 1882, he married Jennie Rupert. He is a member of Lodge No. 121, of the order of Red Men; also a member of the Reformed church at Fonda, and his wife of the Baptist church of Fultonville.

Siver, Henry, Mohawk, a son of Christopher and Frances Siver, was born in Guilderland, Albany county, January 26, 1847. He received a common school education, and at the age of twenty went with Swan & Sons to learn the marble business, remaining with them five years. In 1870 he came to Fonda and worked here several years, opening a shop in 1882, where he has since been engaged. Mr. Siver has held the office of overseer of the poor six years; village clerk three years; is a member of K. of P. and G. A. R. In January, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh New York Volunteers, and saw service in five battles, being wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. He received an honorable discharge in August, 1865. Mr. Siver married in 1879, Maggie, daughter of Henry Rulison.

Brown, G. W., Fonda, was born in 1854 in Decatur, was educated at the public schools, and learned the trade of harness-maker. In 1875 he came to Fort Plain, and was foreman of a shop. In 1879 he came to Fonda and worked in the same business. He has been town clerk two years, and in 1889 was elected justice of the peace, which position he now holds. He is the trial justice of the town. In 1891 he married Ida, daughter of D. H. Serviss. Mr. Brown is a member of the order of Red Men, the K. of P., the Royal Arcanum, and of the fire department.

Schuyler, Alonzo, Fonda, son of Richard, was born in Mohawk in 1822, where he spent his life. He married Sarah Wemple and had seven children, two of whom survive: Richard W. and John D. Alonzo died March 30, 1890, and his widow survives him. They are members of the Reformed church at Fonda. Richard W. was born on the farm, where he now lives, August 19, 1880, and married Libbie Ingraham, by whom he had two children, Sarah and Jennie. His wife died in 1880, and later on Mr. Schuyler married Libbie Van Antwerp, by whom he had two children: Alonzo, who died in 1887; and Roy.

Schuyler, John, Mohawk, a son of Richard Schuyler, was born January 28, 1826. In 1849 he married Delia, daughter of William A. Suits, and they had one child, Libbie, wife of John Way. Mr. Schuyler died in April, 1883, and his wife resides on the home-stead farm.

Lottridge, William, Fonda, son of Robert, was born in Mohawk, and lived and died on the same farm. His death occurred January 18, 1876. His wife (deceased) was Evaline, daughter of Richard Schuyler. Of their five children, three survive: Richard, Robert, and Sarah M., wife of H. D. Hanson. Richard was born May 14, 1848, and has always resided in Mohawk. He is a farmer, and has been twice elected commissioner of highways. He married Sarah C. Davis, daughter of Robert Davis, and they have five children: Eva D., Anna Mabel, Jennie, Sarah Florence, and Nina.

Everson, Adam A., Fonda, son of Adam, was born in this town April 6, 1817. On April 23, 1835, he married Elizabeth Lathers, and they had a family of four children, as follows: Nancy M., Hannah E., Rachel M., and Amanda C. Mr. Everson is a farmer.

Lefler, Martin, Tribes Hill, son of Michael, was born on the old Lefler farm about 1812. He married Harriet Stoller, by whom he had four children. He was a manufacturer of soap. Byron, son of Martin, was born December 19, 1845, and on August 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 153d New York Volunteers. He was wounded at Winchester, and was honorably discharged in October, 1865. In February, 1867, he married Emily, daughter of Jacob Heagle, and they have four children: Libbie, wife of William P. Dillenbeck, resides in the town of Amsterdam; Edgar, Jay, and Charlie, the latter three residing at home. The family is of German descent, and Mr. Lefler follows farming.

Nellis, Peter, Fonda, son of Peter, was born in 1814. He is a blacksmith by trade, as was his father before him. The latter was a soldier in the war of 1812. He had thirteen children. Peter, jr., married Sarah Nestle, and they had thirteen children. His wife died in 1869. Benjamin Nellis, son of Peter, was born September 26, 1835, in Palatine. In 1855 he removed to this town. In 1856 he married Catharine Gramps of Palatine. Mr. Nellis is a large farmer and cheese maker, having built a cheese factory on the farm in 1875, with a capacity of 150 cows.

Hanson, Daniel N., Tribes Hill, son of Nicholas, was born in Mohawk, on the old Hanson farm, in 1795. He married Gertrude Stoller of Mohawk, and they had seven children, five sons and two daughters. He died in 1867, and his wife in 1861. The children were: John D., Henry D., Charles, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth, and Nicholas, the latter two deceased. Henry D. Hanson was born May 27, 1838, and has always resided on the home farm. He married Sarah M., daughter of William Lottridge, in 1862, and they have five children: William, Charles, Gertrude, Clarence, and Bertha. Mr. Hanson has been town collector one term, and has always been engaged in farming. Nicholas was a soldier in the revolution, and was taken prisoner and carried to Canada. His house was twice burned by the Indians. After the war he sold his property and went to Ohio.

Zieley, David, Tribes Hill, son of Adam and Rebecca (Putman) Zieley, was born March 15, 1827, in Florida, but has resided in Mohawk the most of his life. He married Sarah Whitmore, by whom he had three children, two of whom are living, Maggie and Bertha. Mr. Zieley is a farmer, and built a hotel at Tribes Hill. Adam, son of David, was born in Florida, and married Rebecca Putman, by whom he had three children, two daughters and one son: David, Mary and Rebecca. Jacob Whitmore, son of Peter, was born September 28, 1806, and married Catharine Getman, who was born December 28, 1815. They had six children, three of whom survive: Peter, who resides in Nebraska; Margaret Van Husen of Johnstown; and Sarah, wife of David Zieley, who resides in Tribes Hill. Mr. Whitmore died in 1874.

Fonda, Douw, came from Schenectady before the revolution, and settled on the site of Fonda village, which was named for him. He was killed by the Indians while sitting on his own door-step. His grandson, Peter, was born in Fonda, was a farmer, boatman, merchant and slave owner. He married Belinda Weaver of Albany county and had eleven children. Jacob, son of Peter, was born in Fultonville May 2, 1808, and died August 22, 1883. He married Catherine Quackenbush, February 3, 1829, and

had five children: Peter J., Mary C., John Scott, George Wilkins and David Scott. Jacob followed boating on the Erie canal for several years; was repair contractor on the Chemung canal in 1855-57, and conducted a coal business in Fultonville for twenty-five years, beginning in 1857. His oldest son, Peter J., and the only one now living, was born August 26, 1829, and has always lived in Fultonville, and has followed boating on the Erie canal for forty years. In 1854 he married Catherine, daughter of Lambert Huguenin. They had four children: William C., Cora A., Chester and George, two of whom are deceased. He was a constable one year, and deputy sheriff three years. William C. Fonda, son of Peter J., was born January 25, 1858. He has been engaged in the mercantile business and different enterprises most of his life. June 29, 1882, he married Ella Van Antwerp. She died January 7, 1892.

Wemple, Simon, Mohawk, Fonda p. o., son of Ephraim, was born October 16, 1841, on the farm where he has always resided. In 1868 he married Mary Harriet, daughter of Nicholas Dorn of Johnstown. They have had six children: Delilah, Ida May, Libbie, Stella, Laura and Hattie. The family belongs to the Reformed church at Fonda. Ephraim A. Wemple, son of Aaron, was born in this town in 1807. When he was five years of age he was adopted by his uncle, Jacob H. Doxtater, with whom he lived and became heir to the property. In 1830 he married Ida Williams, who bore him six sons and three daughters. He operated a farm of 290 acres. He and his family were members of the Reformed church at Fonda. He died in January, 1877; his widow is still living, over eighty years of age. The following children are living, namely: Henry, in the town of Mohawk; Jacob, a large farmer near Kansas City; Eli, a manufacturer of cider and vinegar in Johnstown; Sarah A., wife of Simeon Nare, in Mohawk; and Simeon, a retired farmer of Fonda.

Griffin, William, was born in Riverton Cottage, County Galway, Ireland, about 1780. He was a colonel in the English army. In 1848 he came to Port Hope, Canada, and died there in 1853. His sons, William and Thomas, came with him; both are deceased. William married Margaret Murphy of the same place, and died in 1852. William was born about 1812 or 1813. He married Alida Brooce, daughter of Philip. Peter Brooce, a native of France, came to Glen before the revolution, and settled near Auriesville, he was a farmer, and did boating to Schenectady. His son Philip was born in 1792 and was a farmer. He married Charlotte Goff, and had a family of seven children, four daughters and three sons. Alida, the oldest daughter, was born in 1826, and married in October, 1848, William Griffith, and had three children: Philip, William and Charlotte, who died in infancy. Philip Griffith, son of William and Alida (Brooce) Griffith, was born in Port Hope, August 10, 1851, and when two years of age came to Fultonville with his father, who died there in 1855. In 1874 he married Mary A. Griffin, who bore him seven children, five of whom are living. In 1885 he built the Mohawk Valley hotel, which carries on himself. He kept a boarding-house seven years for contractors on public works.

Overbaugh, Charles, Florida, the oldest of seven children of Nelson and Eleanor (De Forest) Overbaugh, was born in Florida October 8, 1844, the other children being Benjamin, Myron, Allen (deceased), and M. Louise, now Mrs. Haslett McClumphay, Mary

L., now Mrs. Gilbert McClumpha, and Augusta E. Overbaugh, now Mrs. Daniel Blood. Nelson, the father, was born in Charleston. Benjamin, the grandfather, was born in Florida, while Benjamin, the great-grandfather, came from New York. Nelson Overbaugh died December 26, 1890, leaving but one brother living. Eleanor De Forest, the mother, died May 23, 1891. Charles Overbaugh married, January 11, 1871, Anna Serviss, one of the nine children of George and Elizabeth (Young) Serviss of Florida. They have three children, George S., Nelson C., and Mary E. Overbaugh.

Patterson, I. Frank, Florida, one of two sons of Alexander M. and Jane (Van Epps) Patterson, was born in Pattersonville, Schenectady county, April 16, 1863, the other son being John D. Patterson, foreman of an insane asylum in Dutchess county. Alexander M., the father, was born in Florida February 23, 1833, Jane Van Epps, the mother, having been born in Glenville. Seeley, grandfather of Frank, was born in Duanesburg. William, his great-grandfather, lived in Florida during the greater part of his life and died at Fort Hunter at an advanced age. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. I. Frank Patterson was married on September 22, 1886, to Orpha L. Chesbrough, daughter of Ira Chesbrough of Mohawk, she being one of eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have two children, Ruth and Harold.

Van Horne, Daniel C., Florida, one of five children of Cornelius D. and Adaline (Van Horne) Van Horne, was born in Florida, where he now resides, December 22, 1848. The father, Cornelius D., and the grandfather, Daniel, were both born on the old Van Horne estate, where Daniel C. has always lived and which was one of the first settled in this vicinity. He married in 1870, Julia A. Schuyler, one of six children of Hamilton and Maggie (Nare) Schuyler of Mohawk. Of their six children, five are now living: Carrie (deceased), Adaline, Mabel, Lizzie D., Schuyler and Nettie.

Kearns, Thomas J., Florida, one of ten children of James and Hetty (Gardneer) Kearns, was born in Duanesburg on the 12th of December, 1841. James, the father, was born in Mohawk; his mother, Hetty Gardneer, being a native of Kinderhook; the other children are: Esther A., who is now Mrs. Benjamin Streever; Hannah, who is now Mrs. Henry Quant; Inez (dead); Mary, who married John Grindron; Alfaret, who is now Mrs. Foote; Peter, living in Troy; Harrison, in Philadelphia; Edwin (dead); and Erving in California. Thomas J. was married in 1866 to Minerva Kelly, daughter of Robert and Euphema (Aitken) Kelly of Florida, the mother being a native of New York. He has lived in Florida during the past thirty years.

Beveridge, John, Florida, one of four children of David and Margaret (Keachie) Beveridge, was born in Duanesburg May 5, 1840. David, the father of John, came to this country from Scotland in 1832, and settled in Duanesburg. John was married in 1866 to Janette Servoss, one of five children of Charles S. and Christie (McMichael) Servoss. They have two sons, James and William, who are being educated at Princeton College. Mr. Beveridge has lived upon the farm where he is now located since 1854.

Milmine, Alexander, Florida, Kline p. o., was born in Florida February 10, 1838. He was one of eight children of William A. and Elizabeth (Luke) Milmine of Florida. William A. was born on the farm July 6, 1807. His father, John Milmine, was born

in Duanesburg and died in Wisconsin. His father, John Milmine, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Scotland. He was the second owner of the farm on which Alexander Milmine now lives. Alexander was married in January, 1861, to Mary Pettengill, a daughter of David and Janett (McKnee) Pettengill of Florida, she being one of eight children. They have had two children both of whom died in childhood.

Runkle, Chas. W., Florida, one of the children of Peter and Hannah (Burnap) Runkle, was born in Root on the 21st of July, 1853. He was married in Charleston, this county, in 1855, to Anna Pierson, daughter of William N. and Elmina (Gordon) Pierson of that town. In 1887 he engaged in business with his father in the village of Fort Hunter, keeping a general store, where he has lived since that time. They have one son, Roy P. Runkle.

Walrath, Charles, Florida, one of three sons of Josiah and Caroline (Green) Walrath, was born in Florida. He married Mary E., daughter of P. Haslett and M. Louisa (Overbaugh) McClumph of Fort Hunter. He is an energetic young farmer, and owns the McClumph homestead at Fort Hunter, where they now reside.

Schuyler, Daniel D., Florida, the fourth of five children of Daniel and Delanah (Hilts) Schuyler, was born in Florida, the other children being Effie, Maria (Mrs. A. Young), Sarah, and Artimitta Schuyler, all single with the exception of Mrs. Young, living upon the old homestead. Jacob, the grandfather, was born in New Jersey, as was Daniel their father in 1779, and ten years later Jacob Schuyler removed to the farm in Florida which the family now occupies and which had been taken up by their great-uncle, Wm. Schuyler. The estate has been in the Schuyler family for nearly 150 years.

Thayer, Hiram, Florida, one of five children of William and Fanny (Griffith) Thayer, was born on the 14th of August, 1840, in Florida on the farm where he now lives. His father, William Thayer, was born at Log City in Amsterdam in 1802; his father, Ezra Thayer, moving to Florida when William was four years old; a remarkable incident of the removal being the fact that they crossed the river upon the ice, the date being April 1, 1806, something probably never done since. Hiram Thayer was married October 22, 1862, to Anna E. Beckwith of Columbia, Herkimer county. They have two children living: Mrs. Georgiana Quiri of Amsterdam, and Edward, who lives with his parents upon the farm.

Staley, T. Romeyn, Florida, was born in Florida upon the old homestead where his father and grandfather were also born, and where his great-grandfather, Henry Staley, settled when he came to this country from Holland. Garrett Staley, his father, was born in 1822, and in 1854 married Maria Van Heusen of this town. In 1879 Mr. Staley died. There are three children: Mrs. Joseph Young of Florida; Mrs. John H. Swartz of Amsterdam; and T. Romeyn Staley, who lives at the old home carrying on the business of the farm.

Van Derveer, W. Spencer, Florida, was born in Florida October 8, 1837. He was the seventh of eight children of Garrett B. and Mary (Young) Van Derveer. Garrett Van Derveer, his father, was born in this town in the year 1799. His grandfather,

John Van Derveer, was also born in this town on the old homestead. On the 15th of September, 1863, Mr. Van Derveer married Augusta S. Parks, the eldest of eight daughters of Joseph H. and Mary Ellen (Howard) Parks of the town of Florida. They have four children: Mary E., now Mrs. Chas. Schuyler of Florida; Catherine, now Mrs. Leonard Sweet of Florida; J. Howard, lawyer, located at Fort Edward; and G. Herbert, who lives at home upon the farm. Mr. Van Derveer has always lived in Florida, with the exception of six years spent on a fruit farm in Amsterdam.

Herrick, Denison, Florida, one of five children of Daniel Davis and Mary I. (Loomis) Herrick, was born in Florida in 1850. He was married on the 25th of September, 1872, to Annie Gray, one of six children of George Washington and Mary (Bradley) Gray. Mrs. Herrick was born in the town of Glenville, her father being a native of Providence, R. I., and her mother being born in Florida. They have two daughters, living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick have lived upon the farm where they now reside ever since they were married in 1872.

McClumpha, Alonzo, Florida, was born in Florida May 8, 1840, being the fourth of six children of Thomas and Caroline (Haslett) McClumpha of this town. His grandfather emigrated from Scotland and settled in Duaneburg. On the 27th of September, 1865, he married Mary Zeller of Amsterdam, daughter of Andrew Zeller. They have two sons, Harvey, the youngest, living at home upon the farm. Mr. McClumpha has always followed the occupation of farming. In 1891 he was appointed supervisor of the town.

De La Mater, William, M. D., Florida, was born in Mariaville, Schenectady county, on the 24th of September, 1862, he being one of five children of Marcus De La Mater of Duaneburg. He graduated at the Albany Medical College in 1886 and commenced the practice of his profession in his native town, removing in 1888 to Minaville, where he now resides. In December, 1888, he was married to Martha, daughter of William and Martha Dorn. The De La Mater family are remarkable for their devotion to the medical profession through several generations, and in various branches of the family.

Wemple, Harvey, Florida, Kline p. o., was born May 17, 1838, on the old Vreeland homestead where he now lives. He was one of six children of William C. and Elizabeth (McKinney) Wemple; the others being Valentine (dead); Harriet (Mrs. Adron Swart, Zanesville, Ohio); Charlotte (Mrs. John Vedder) dead; Anna (Mrs. William De Graff, Amsterdam); and Vreeland of Zanesville, Ohio. His grandfather, Cornelius Wemple, married a Vreeland, and settled on the old Vreeland homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life. Harvey Wemple was married December 16, 1862, to Mary E. Nellis, one of four children of Alexander and Charlotte (Pulver) Nellis of Florida; the others being Alexander Nellis, M. D., at Willard asylum, Marshall E. Nellis, M. D. (dead), and Abigail, now Mrs. Peter Pettengill. They have four children: Charlotte D., now Mrs. Daniel P. Phillips; Kitty C., living at home; Georgena (dead); and William Alexander, living at home. Mr. Wemple has always lived at home with the single exception of one year spent in Michigan.

Fuller, Leslie, Florida, the oldest of seven children of John and Rebecca (De Graff) Fuller of the town of Florida, was born October 10, 1840. Amos Fuller, the grandfather of Leslie, was born on the island of Martha's Vineyard, and came to this town in early life. He was the second owner of the farm on which he lived, and is believed to be one of a family of thirteen sons. Leslie Fuller married Jennie, daughter of John and Rhoda (Mory) Merry of Florida, and they have ten children: Alice (Mrs. William Kline of Amsterdam), Melissa, Hattie, Ella May, John, Edna, Charles, Jennie, Dora and an infant. Mr. Fuller has resided on his present farm for twenty-eight years.

Rapp, Gerard V., Canajoharie, was born in Brooklyn in 1858. He was educated in civil engineering in Brooklyn and after leaving school went into the field; first on the locating of New York and Northern railroad and from thence on the location, construction and completion of the West Shore and Buffalo railroad. In 1879 he came to Canajoharie, where he has since made his home. He was employed by the state as assistant engineer on the Champlain canal improvement from 1882 to 1886. In the latter year he started the quarrying of stone in his present location, first using but one derrick and employing but four men. He gradually increased his capacity until now he employs about twenty-five men, a twenty-five horse power engine, two Ingersoll rock-drills and five derricks. He has furnished the state with stone in large quantities in the enlargement of the locks, also on the Harlem depression and the Albany viaduct, and now has the contract for building a dam across the Mohawk river at Little Falls. In 1884 he married Helen, daughter of John Finehout, and they have two children: K. Louise, born in 1885; and John F., born in 1888. Mr. Rapp is an ardent supporter of the Democrat party, a member of Phoenix Lodge No. 96, F. & A. M.; Hiram Chapter R. A. M.; and of Little Falls Commandery K. T. No. 26; also of the Royal Arcanum of Canajoharie.

Halligan, James, Canajoharie, was born in County Longford, Ireland, May 11, 1836, and came to this country in April, 1853. He first located in Troy, where he was engaged with I. N. Haight, leather dealer, as a book-keeper. He remained with them until 1859, then removed to Canajoharie, where, October 28 of that year, he formed the firm of Haight & Halligan, for the handling of hides, leather and wool. This company was dissolved in 1869 by Mr. Haight selling his interest to Mr. Halligan. The latter has since continued in the same business, and has added to it, dealing in hops and other produce. In 1882 Mr. Halligan handled about \$100,000 worth of hops alone, besides his other business. The average annual business of the establishment for the last few years has been about \$100,000. In 1865 he was elected overseer of the poor, which office he has held two years. In 1867 he was elected town clerk, and supervisor of his town in 1869. May 18, 1886, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, which position he held four years. Mr. Halligan is president of the Halligan Steamer company, from whom the company derives its name. May 6, 1853, he married Eliza Halligan, and they have one child, Edward J., a book-keeper for Thurber, Whyland & Company, New York. Mrs. Halligan died March 1, 1873, and later on he married Julia T. Brown of Albany, and they have four children: James, Willie, Emma and Julia. Mrs. Julia Halligan died in 1886, and Mr. Halligan's present wife is Eliza J. (Sullivan) Halligan of Rochester.

Dygert, James W., Canajoharie, was born in Palatine Bridge December 14, 1852, a son of James H. and Margaret (Van Alstine) Dygert. The father is a native of this county, as were also the mother's people, the name Van Alstine being one of the oldest in this county. The Dygerts are of German descent. The school days of James W. were spent in Canajoharie, where he was educated in the academy. At the age of fifteen he entered the employ of Babcock, Lintner & Co. of Little Falls, where he acted as clerk for six years. He then went to Moberly, Mo., where he was clerk in a drug store until 1876, when he returned to his native village and entered the drug store of J. N. Snell, where he acted as clerk. He was in business with Howard Seeler for a short time, and in the spring of 1883 established a drug store where the Shaper Block now stands. In 1888 Mr. Dygert formed a partnership with W. S. Bellinger, by the consolidation of the two stores, and the firm of Bellinger & Dygert was formed. They have a very pleasant store in the Richmond Block, where they carry a complete line of drugs, with the side lines always necessary in a country town. In 1881 Mr. Dygert was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of town clerk; was re-elected in 1882, and again in 1887 and 1888. In 1891 he was elected by a majority of seventy-one for supervisor, and in 1892 was re-elected to the office over one who was considered the strongest man in the Republican ranks. In 1876 he married Anna, daughter of Cornelius Van Alstine of Marshville. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church, and Mr. Dygert has held the office of secretary in the Sunday-school for twenty years.

Crough, Timothy, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie August 1, 1845, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Madden) Crough. Thomas was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, coming to this country at the age of nineteen. He settled in Canajoharie where he followed blacksmithing, near the present location of the Pettit Manufacturing Company. Before coming to the United States he married Margaret Madden, by whom he had three children: Mary, wife of Joseph Pegin of Clinton, Oneida county; Ellen, widow of Bart. Smith of Canajoharie; and Timothy. With the exception of ten years spent in New York, the latter has made his home in this village. After leaving school his first position was with James Halligan, with whom he remained ten years. In 1874 he was clerk for the canal collector at Fultonville, and the winter of that year he acted as assistant sergeant-at-arms of the assembly chamber at Albany, and in 1875 he moved to New York where he was employed as clerk for John H. Starin until 1883. He then returned to Canajoharie and on October 1, 1883, was appointed agent of the West Shore Railroad at Canajoharie. January 3, 1866, he married Sarah A., daughter of Henry Stoker of Root, and they have four children, three of whom survive: James H., who has charge of one of the B. & O. firms at Brooklyn; Edward, a student; and Herbert T. Nellis A. died November 12, 1881, in her ninth year. Mr. Crough is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and is one of its influential workers.

Klock, Dr. Arie V., Canajoharie, was born in Glen on the 28th of March, 1862, and is a son of Reuben and Martha (Van Wie) Klock, natives of this county and born in Palatine. The doctor was educated at Palatine and Fort Edward Institute and studied medicine at Albany and attended lectures at Albany Medical College. In April, 1890,

he came to Ames and has had an extensive and lucrative practice. On the 6th of August, 1882, he married Hattie D. B., daughter of Charles D. B. and Delilah (Duncan) Freer of Palatine Bridge. Her father was drowned in the Johnstown flood in Fulton county in 1889.

Suits, William H., hotel proprietor of Ames, was born in Palatine on the 8th of January, 1842, and is a son of John N. and Marie Bell Suits. The father is a native of this county and the mother of Schenectady. Mr. Suits was reared on a farm where he continued until 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, 2d N. Y. Heavy Artillery and served until the close of the war. He was in many hard fought battles and was shot in the left foot at Cold Harbor. He was discharged July 4, 1865, and has since the war been a pensioner. For the last fifteen years he has been in the hotel business and has recently purchased the Ames House, which he has refitted and refurnished in fine style and it is enjoying a good trade. On the 25th of December, 1861, he was married to Josephine Van Patten. They have four children: Alice, William M. C., Ida M., and Clarence N. He is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the G. A. R.

White, Willard J., Canajoharie, was born in Cherry Valley April 6, 1855, and is a son of Willard D. and Eliza A. (Duffin) White. Abijah, grandfather of our subject, came to this section from Connecticut, when a young man. He married Sally Jones of Montgomery county. They were the parents of six children of whom Willard D., the father of our subject was the oldest. He was born in 1825 and married when about twenty-five years old, Eliza A., daughter of Barney and Bessie (Platner) Doffin of Otsego, and they were the parents of six children: Homer H., a doctor of Earlville; Etta, wife of O. J. Van Dusen of Van Dusenville; Mary E., Charles L., a farmer of Sprout Brook; Edward D., pastor of the Seattle Methodist church; and Willard J. The early life of the latter was spent in Otsego county, where he was educated in the common schools. October 17, 1877, he married Anna L., a daughter of Aaron and Catherine (Lintner) Finehout of Minden. She died June 7, 1883. In 1880 he moved into this town, where he bought a good farm of sixty-seven acres on which the principal crops are hops and hay. November 25, 1888, he married Cattie, a daughter of Martin Vogleman of this town, and they have one child, Harold D., born May 11, 1890. Mr. White is an active member of the Ames Methodist church of which he has been trustee for over four years.

Mesick, Peter A., Canajoharie, was born in Danube, October 4, 1818, and is a son of Thomas I. and Elizabeth (Skinkle) Mesick. The earliest trace of this family is the grandfather of Peter A., John Mesick, who, in company with his two brothers, came to this country from Germany previous to 1750, and settled in Ghent, Columbia county. He was the father of four children: John, Peter, Thomas I. and one daughter. Thomas I., the oldest son and father of our subject, was born in Columbia county, May 20, 1786, and married when about twenty-four years of age, Elizabeth Skinkle of the same county, who was born October 19, 1791. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are living: Catharine, widow of John S. Bellinger of Little Falls; Catarine, widow of John Miller of Michigan; Cornelia, wife of William Zimmerman of Minden; Rachel, wife of Lyman Hake of Ames; Henry, a farmer of Danube; and

Peter A. The early life of the latter was spent in the town of Danube, and he was educated in the common schools. October 13, 1853, he married Eliza, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Elwood) Snell, and they have had three children; Luther S., a farmer of Canajoharie; Mary C., wife of Charles Staley of Sharon; and Cyrus P., who conducts the old homestead farm. In 1854 Mr. Mesick moved into the town of Minden, where he bought a farm and conducted it for eight years. He then bought the farm where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Mesick are members of the M. E. church at Ames. Cyrus P. Mesick was born at Frey's Bush (Minden) May 28, 1860, and was educated in the common and graded schools at Ames. January 25, 1882, he married Libbie, daughter of James and Jane (Balmath) French of Argusville, and they have had two children, a daughter who died in infancy, and a son, Theron A., born May 15, 1886, and who died June 27, 1892, a most severe blow to this young family.

Tillotson, Mrs. Prudy M., Canajoharie, a daughter of Hiram and Electa (Marble) Tillotson, is the widow of the late Samuel Tillotson, who was born on the homestead farm June 6, 1821, being a son of Ebenezer and Susan (Johnson) Tillotson. The founder of the family in this country was Joseph Tillotson, who came from England and settled in Connecticut. But the earliest we can find of the ancestry is the grandfather of our subject, Samuel Tillotson, who was born in Connecticut in February, 1760, and married when he was twenty-seven years of age, Ann, daughter of Isaac Johnson of the same State. Samuel was the first of the family to come to this town, where, about 1800, he bought a farm. He was the father of four children: Polly, born June 9, 1789; Morehouse, born March 9, 1791; Ebenezer, born February 23, 1793; Pliny, born April 28, 1804. Ebenezer, the second son, married January 16, 1820, Susan, daughter of Isaac Johnson of Connecticut, and they were the parents of four children: Samuel, Phoebe A., Eunice, Mary D. The whole life of Samuel (husband of our subject) was spent on this farm. He was educated in Ames Academy, and October 5, 1857, married Prudy M. Tillotson of Chenango county, a second cousin of Mr. Tillotson who died July 14, 1871, without heir. The old homestead, which Mrs. Tillotson still conducts, contains about 200 acres, nearly all under cultivation for hay, grain and dairy products. They have a dairy of seventeen cows, and everything shows Mrs. Tillotson's executive ability.

McKinney, John, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie June 3, 1847, and is a son of Daniel and Catharine (Lone) McKinney. Daniel McKinney was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1810, and came to this country in 1833, first locating in Montreal, whence he came to Troy, remaining but a short time, when he came to Canajoharie. There he married, in 1842, Catharine Lone. They were the parents of four children: Belle, wife of Thomas Lynch of Canajoharie; Mary A. McKinney of Albany; James of Sprakers; and John. The early life of the latter was spent in Canajoharie. He was educated in the common schools, and his first occupation was that of farming. At the death of his father, which occurred April 2, 1889, the farm was left to his brother James, and he kept the place until 1890, then sold it to John. September 24, 1878, he married Nancy, daughter of John Y. and Elizabeth (Shaver) Eacker of Palatine. In April, 1887, Mr. McKinney bought the Hotel McKinney at Sprakers, of which he has since been the landlord.

Mills, Daniel P., Canajoharie, was born in Washington county October 26, 1824, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Bristol) Mills. George Mills, grandfather of Daniel P., was born in Saratoga county where he always lived. He had seven children. The oldest son, Lewis, was a sea captain, and was lost at sea, aged about forty-five years. George, the other son, lived in Washington county, where he died in 1882. William was in the mercantile business at Fort Edward, and died in Wisconsin in 1877. The early life of Daniel P. was spent in Fort Edward. He was a carpenter by trade, and married, September 23, 1851, Pheebe A., daughter of Ebenezer and Susan (Johnson) Tillotson, and they have had three sons: Irwin of Sharon, Schoharie county; Charles, who conducts the homestead farm; and Reed J., who follows farming in Canajoharie. Mrs. Mills died February 9, 1889. In 1852 he bought a farm in Canajoharie, which he traded with C. Johnston five years later, and which has always been the home of Daniel P. Mr. Mills takes an active interest in the success of the Republican party, and has held the office of trustee of Ames Union school. Charles Mills was born at Ames, November 22, 1859, and has always lived in this town. May 12, 1886, he married Estella R., daughter of William H. and Charlotte L. (Thompson) Winne of Gloversville, and they have had three children, but one of whom is now living, Frank C., born October 30, 1891.

Hodge, Squire H., Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now resides, in Canajoharie, October 22, 1835, and is a son of Isaac G. and Melissa (Hill) Hodge. The family is of English ancestry, but as far back as the grandfather of the subject they have been natives of this country. His name was Reuben Hodge, and he married Amy Haven, by whom he had three sons and four daughters: Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Keziah, Lois, Azubah and Elsie. Isaac, the second son, was born in 1799, and married in 1824, Melissa, daughter of William and Anna (Mills) Hill of this town. Isaac G. was the father of eleven children, nine of whom survive: William, a carpenter of Gloversville; Ann, wife of James Staley of Sharon Spa; Oscar O. of Herkimer; Roxanna, wife of R. A. Bowdish of Brooklyn; Elsie M. Hodge of Brooklyn; Clemenza, wife of W. H. Combs of Brooklyn; Charles E., a manufacturer of knit goods in Utica; Henrietta M., wife of Andrew Peck of the firm of Peck & Snyder, New York; and Squire H. The whole life of the last named has been spent on the farm with the exception of fifteen years in Ames. He was educated in the academy of Ames, and after leaving school taught for three years, and then took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1877, when he moved back on the old farm and has ever since conducted it. His father died in 1883. September 12, 1860, Mr. Hodge married Hattie, daughter of Loring H. and Maria (Babcock) Tiffany of Ames, and they have had two children: George, born April 2, 1867; Grace, born November 10, 1868. Mr. Hodge is a Republican, and both he and his wife are active members in the Methodist church, and Mr. Hodge has held the office of trustee in that church over fifteen years.

Flint, Daniel, Canajoharie, was born in Canajoharie, within half a mile of his present residence, October 25, 1825, and is a son of Adam and Zilpha (Chapell) Flint. The grandfather of our subject was born in Germany and came to this country when a young man locating in this town. He was a soldier in the revolution and was the father of six children, four girls and two boys. Adam Flint, father of Daniel, was the

oldest son. He was born about 1770; he was married twice, his first wife being Miss Potter, by whom he had twelve children, one of whom is living, William Flint, a farmer of Canajoharie. His second wife was Zilpha Chapell, by whom he had four children, three of whom are living: Levi, a veterinary surgeon of Canajoharie; Zilpha, wife of Isaac Walrod of Harrison county, Mo., and Daniel. The whole life of the latter has been spent within a half a mile of Canajoharie. He was educated in the common schools and when he was twenty started out for himself working on a farm. August 22, 1846, he was married to Laney McAllister, daughter of John McAllister of Shandaloo; their children, eight girls, are all living, as follows: Zilpha, wife of Robert Hodge of Dakota; Mary, wife of Robert D. Smith of Fort Plain; Cornelia J., wife of Harvey Argersinger of Gloversville; Eliza, wife of Frank Nellis of Fort Plain; Esther C., wife of David Baum of St. Johnsville; Armenia, wife of J. Casler of Gloversville; Etta, wife of Byron Nellis, of Fort Plain; and Lizzie Flint, who lives at home. In 1860 Mr. Flint bought the farm where he now resides. He is a supporter of the Presbyterian church at Buel.

Kocher, Mrs. Eliza J., Canajoharie, is a daughter of Jacob and Julia A. (Bowman) Drum, and widow of the late Nelson Kocher, who died October 12, 1886. The latter was born in this town July 5, 1827, a son of Jacob and Nancy (Garlock) Kocher, and brother of Peter Kocher of this town. The whole life of Nelson Kocher was spent in this town. He married, November 18, 1854, Eliza J. Drum of Sharon, and they had two children: Mrs. Rainford Garlock of Canajoharie, and Georgia A., wife of Warren Collins, who conducts the homestead farm, a beautiful place on one of the principal thoroughfares of the town. Warren Collins was born in Sharon February 6, 1864, a son of Reuben and Dorcas (Neville) Collins. He was educated in Starkey Seminary, and October 29, 1884, married Georgia A. Kocher. They have one daughter, Florence May, born September 26, 1889. Mr. Collins is an ardent Democrat, and the family are all interested in the Baptist church at Ames.

Bowman, Elisha L., Canajoharie, was born in Homer, February 5, 1839, a son of Alvyl and Jane (Wessells) Bowman. The great-grandfather of Elisha L. was the first of this family in this county. His name was John Bowman; he was born in Germany and was in the revolution. He was the father of several children of whom Robert was the grandfather of our subject. This family was one of the earliest to settle in this town. Robert married Catherine Bowman and they were the parents of nine children, of whom Alvyl, the father of our subject, was the oldest; he was born in 1809 in this town and went to Cortland county when he was about thirty years old, remaining there but a couple of years. He married Jane Wessells, daughter of Abram Wessells of Flat Creek, and they had six children, four of whom are living: Abram W. of Cooperstown; Ann Eliza, wife of A. B. Miller of Ames; Hattie, wife of Amos Hess of Oswego; and Elisha L., our subject. When the latter was but six weeks old his parents returned to Canajoharie and he has lived here since. On the 1st of October he married Lottie M. Jones, a daughter of Benjamin Jones of Sharon. They have four children: Bertha, wife of Louis Bellman; Cora, wife of Justice Van Deusen; Effie J. Bowman and Walter E. Bowman. In 1866 Mr. Bowman bought his present farm of 125 acres, and in 1878 he erected a fine residence.

Mohawk Valley Stone Company, The, located in the town of Palatine just north and opposite the village of Canajoharie. The company was organized by the co-partnership of William N. Johnston and Henry A. Shaper, in February, 1888. Two years later, July 1, 1890, the company was incorporated, with the addition of A. B. Frey to its members. William N. Johnston was elected president, A. B. Frey secretary and treasurer, and Henry A. Shaper general manager. This company now controls five quarries and employs on an average 175 men. Although they are quarrying stone for all classes of work, their specialty is for bridge work and cut stone for buildings. Among the many large contracts this company have furnished are about twelve thousand yards of stone used in the depression of the Harlem Railroad; the sea wall at Governor's Island; for the St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railroad; the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Geneva, and their trade extends all through New York State. They have about three-quarters of a mile of side track from the New York Central Railroad, and they supply this company with a large portion of the stone used in their works. Theirs is the largest stone quarry in this state, and they are doing a very successful and prosperous business. The machinery used is six steam hoisters, sixteen derricks, and are now contemplating putting in a large crushing plant.

Dillenbeck, Yates, Canajoharie, was born in Palatine, near Stone Arabia, March 27, 1825, and is a son of George and Magdalena (Keyser) Dillenbeck. Andrew, grandfather of Yates, was an early resident of Palatine, and was the father of fifteen children, one of whom is still living, Betsey Doxstader of Mohawk. George, the father of Yates, and fifth son of Andrew, was born May 4, 1793, and always made his home in Palatine. He married, October 20, 1815, at the age of twenty-one, Magdalena Keyser, daughter of Henry Keyser of Stone Arabia. They had six children: James, a mechanic of Gloversville; Hiram, a farmer of Steuben county; Edward, a mechanic of Indiana; William, died in 1887 aged fifty-eight years; a daughter who died in infancy, and Yates, the subject of this sketch. The early life of the latter was spent in Palatine. He was educated in the common schools and January 1, 1846, married Agnes, daughter of Arie and Margaret (Neahr) Van Wie. They have two children: George, a farmer of Glen, and Arie, a traveler for the McCormick Machine Company of Albany. In 1889 Mr. Dillenbeck bought the farm where he lives in the town of Canajoharie. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck are members of the M. E. church of Canajoharie. Mr. Dillenbeck's only desire is to be known as an honest, upright citizen, a good neighbor and successful farmer.

Routstone, Jacob, Canajoharie, a native of Germany, came to this country in 1877, and after two or three months he began peddling, which he followed until 1882, when he started a general store at Brown's Hollow, in Root. He conducted this for one year, and then went on the road, selling goods at auction. He followed this for about three years, and then opened a store in the Erie block in Canajoharie, for the sale of notions and fancy dry goods. He still conducts this store, and in 1890 bought out the boot and shoe business of S. J. McLaughlin, which in 1892 he removed to the new Shafer block on Church street. He also owns a half interest in the ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods store, under the firm of F. J. Stickles & Company. He is one of the leading merchants of this village, and is doing a large business.

Gage & Company, A. P., Canajoharie, dealers in dry goods, carpets, wall paper, etc. This firm was established in 1879 by A. P. Gage, a native of Otsego county, who came to this place in 1862, and engaged as clerk with H. S. Bragdon in the store where he is now located. He has now as partners Voorhees Bush, who acted as clerk for Mr. Gage a great many years, and in 1882 was taken as partner; and also Walter Gage, the other partner, who was taken into the firm about 1885. This firm is doing a very successful business in what is known as the old Hawley block, now owned by Mr. A. P. Gage.

Vosburgh, Howard, Cananjoeharie, was born in Flat Creek March 26, 1850, a son of Jacob and Almira (Gardenier) Vosburgh. The early life of Howard was spent in Root. He was educated in Carlisle and Whitestown Academies, and September 20, 1871, married Lydia, daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Diefendorf) Diefendorf. They have had seven children: Charles D., a graduate of Fairfield Academy; Arthur J., born September 15, 1874; Gracie Estelle, a student of Fairfield Seminary; William L., born October 28, 1878; Bertha K., born April 11, 1881; Myra M., born March 3, 1884; and Nellie A., born February 23, 1888. In 1882 Mr. Vosburgh bought the farm where he now lives of 175 acres, known as the old Dillenback farm. He also owns the old Vosburgh homestead of eighty acres at Flat Creek. For the past six years Mr. Vosburgh has held the office of assessor of his town. His family are members of the Mapletown church.

Barnes, Arthur, Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now resides in Canajoharie, May 4, 1847, and is a son of Luther H. and Caroline (Arthur) Barnes. His grandfather, Philander Barnes, came from Massachusetts to this section when it was yet a wilderness. He was born in 1763, and married October 31, 1790, Susan, daughter of Elisha and Hannah Hooper. They had six children: Hamilton D., Cynthia, Luther H., Sophronia, Mary A., and Norman. Luther H., third child and second son, was born on this farm in 1806, where his whole life was spent. He was educated in the public schools and when about thirty years of age married Caroline, daughter of Levi Arthur of Lewis county, who was the father of seven children: Orlando, a retired farmer of Lewis county; Alfred A., retired farmer of Lowville; Levi, died in 1882, aged sixty-five years; Jane, married Samuel Lamphen of Lewis county (she is deceased); Melissa, married Daniel Rutan (she died in 1887); Pamelia, wife of Charles Pebbles of Lewis county; and Caroline, who died November 16, 1846, in her thirty-fourth year. At the death of Philander Barnes, November 9, 1827, the farm was left to the children, and Luther H. bought the interest of some of the other heirs, until he possessed a two-thirds interest in the place. He enlarged the old homestead and turned it into a hotel, known as the Halfway house, between Sharon Springs and Canajoharie, and it is one of the historical landmarks of the town. The building of the railroad to Sharon took the travel in another direction, and Mr. Barnes gave up keeping hotel, but the building still stands as the residence of the subject. He died October 14, 1873. Arthur was educated in the public schools and at Ames Academy, and has always made his home on this farm, which he still conducts.

Freday, Ervin W., Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now lives, in Canajoharie January 3, 1858, a son of Conrad and Mary E. (Voorhees) Freday. His grandfather, Conrad Freday, was born in Schodack, Rensselaer county, in 1797, and at the age of twenty-four married Lucy Stanton, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Stanton of Bethlehem. They had four children, three of whom reached adult age, and one of whom is still living, Jacob Freday of Constantia, Oswego county. Conrad, father of the subject, was the youngest son. He was born May 14, 1826, in Bethlehem, and was educated in the Clarksville public schools. He came here when twelve years of age, and assisting his father on the farm until about a year and a half before his marriage, when he went to Clarksville and attended school and clerked in a store. On October 5, 1848, he married Mary Elizabeth Voorhees, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Carlisle) Voorhees of Root. After his marriage he bought the farm where his son now resides. He had eleven children, five of whom survive: Millard F. of Clinton, Ia.; Sarah C., wife of Oscar Hoag, a tanner of Johnstown; Franc A., widow of John W. Brown of Clark, Da.; Homer J., a farmer of Canajoharie; and Ervin W. Mary E., wife of Charles Mitchell, died March 16, 1892, in her thirty-ninth year; Ladenna O., died May 20, 1868; Elizabeth, died February 10, 1852, in her nineteenth year; Emma O., died May 21, 1892, in her sixteenth year. Conrad, father of Ervin W., died January 14, 1892, beloved and regretted by all who knew him. Ervin W. was educated in the public schools, and December 14, 1881, he married Mary E., daughter of William and Cornelia (Wessel) Hoag of Argusville. At the death of his father he assumed control of the farm, where he now lives.

Diefendorf. Lucius, Canajoharie, was born at Frey's Bush, January 3, 1834, and is a son of Daniel G. and Eliza (Hackney) Diefendorf. The grandfather of Lucius, George Diefendorf, was a native of Montgomery county, born in 1779. He married Catharine Bell, and they had ten children, three of whom are still living: Daniel, a farmer of Roseboom, Otsego county; Levi of Michigan; and William, a retired farmer of Fort Plain. Daniel, the oldest son, and father of Lucius, was born in Frey's Bush in December, 1812, and spent his early life in that place. He married about 1832, Eliza Hackney, daughter of John and Hannah Hackney. Daniel had twelve children, ten of whom survive: Abram of Otsego county; Delevan of Canajoharie; William of Minden; Peter of Connecticut; Mortimer of Otsego county; Palmer of Otsego county, town of Wooster; Susan, wife of James Isman of Otsego county; Harriet, wife of Joseph Rury of Honesdale, Pa.; Aseneth, wife of Orlando Marks of Otsego county; and Lucius. The latter's early life was spent in Cherry Valley, where he was educated in the common schools and assisted his father on the farm until he was eighteen. He then spent nine years with his uncle William Diefendorf. In 1859 he married Jane, daughter of George Nestle, and she died two years later. In 1862 Mr. Diefendorf began farming for himself in Minden, and married October 22, of the same year, Martha, daughter of Abram and Nancy (Elwood) Fox of Minden. In 1865 he bought, in company with his brother-in-law, David Fox, a farm of 190 acres in Seeber's Lane, which they kept for two years, then sold, and bought a farm of 100 acres in Canajoharie. He lived here until 1875, when he sold that place and bought the farm where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Diefendorf are members of the Methodist church at Canajoharie.

Lasher Brothers, The.—Eugene Lasher was born near Stone Arabia, July 14, 1852. Amandus Lasher was born on the same farm November 10, 1854. They are both sons of Jacob I. and Mary (Shults) Lasher. The members of this family as far back as can be traced, have been natives of Palatine. Jacob I. was born in Stone Arabia, March 23, 1805, the son of John Lasher. He married September 18, 1844, Mary Shults, daughter of George and Elizabeth Shults of Palatine, and they had four children: Ann Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Jesse Lirch, treasurer of the Northwestern College of Naperville, Ill.; Emma, who lives at home; and Eugene and Amandus. Mrs. Lasher, mother of the subjects, died October 27, 1855, and Mr. Lasher married second, Eliza, daughter of John and Mary (Neahr) Showerman. Eliza was the widow of Oran Goble, by whom she had two children: James, a mechanic of Fort Plain; and Frances C., wife of Harvey Failing. In 1866 Mr. Lasher bought the farm in Canajoharie whereon the subjects now reside. These brothers were educated in the common schools of Canajoharie and, at the death of their father, which occurred September 19, 1872, the farm fell into the hands of the sons, and they have ever since conducted it. They are regular attendants of the Methodist church, of which Miss Lasher is a member.

Williams, Edwin, Canajoharie, was born in Connecticut, June 12, 1817, a son of Thomas and Jemima (Stark) Williams. The first of this family to come to Montgomery County was Thomas, father of Edwin, arriving here in 1820, when Edwin was but three years old. He located on the farm which is now the residence of the grandsons, and died there in 1831, aged forty-six. He left five children: Joshua S., who died March 29, 1888, aged seventy-five years; Olive L., wife of Alanson Abel of Canajoharie; Maria, wife of V. V. Nottingham of Syracuse; Ann Eliza, widow of Rev. Oliver Emerson, a member of the Troy Conference of the Methodist church, who died at Wallingford, Vt., in 1852; and Edwin. The latter has always lived on this farm. He was educated in the public schools of Canajoharie, and in 1840 married Eliza J., daughter of Salmon and Hannah (Waufler) Wetmore of Canajoharie. They had eight children: Thomas O., a farmer of Canajoharie; Helen O., wife of A. M. Hodge, a druggist\* of Canajoharie; E. Emerson, a farmer of Canajoharie; Eliza J., wife of Dr. James Young of Johnstown; Henry E. of Walden, and Henrietta (twins); Hannah J., wife of B. Diefendorf of Canajoharie; and Olive, wife of Eugene H. Abel of Canajoharie. Edwin, the subject, died January 19, 1891. He was always a leader in good works and was an official member of the Methodist church for over forty years. Mrs. Williams still lives, a comfort to her children. She is now in her seventy-third year.

Williams, Thomas O., was born on the old homestead farm June 9, 1842. He has always lived in Canajoharie with the exception of three years during which he conducted a farm in Root. He was educated in Cazenovia Seminary and Fort Edward Institute, and on December 29, 1868, married L. Amelia Fletcher of Syracuse, N. Y. They have had three children, but one of whom is living, Jennie A., born September 14, 1876. They are all members of the Methodist church.

Kirby, Valentine, Canajoharie, was born in New York October 29, 1844, a son of Isaac F. Kirby, a wholesale dry goods merchant and a member of the well-known firm of L. V. Kirby & Co. The early life of Valentine was spent in New York. He was

educated in the Elysium School and Mount Kisco Seminary. In 1859 he came to Canajoharie and engaged in the hotel business which he followed four years and was four years in the undertaking and furniture business. He then took up carpentry and mill-wrighting and took contracts for the construction of a great many of the most prominent buildings in this section, among them being the building for the Pettit Manufacturing Company, the Shaper Block, the Smith residence in Palatine, the Philip Betts residence in Canajoharie, the residence of Senator Arkell, the rebuilding of the Reformed Church, the Canajoharie Union School building and many other smaller contracts. In 1863 he married Mary A., daughter of William J. Van Deusen. They have two children: Josephine, wife of David I. Snell of Palatine, and Sarah H., who still lives at home.

Lasher, Luke W., Canajoharie, was born in Root, near the village of Sprakers, May 13, 1840, and is a son of Elias and Lucretia (Wessells) Lasher. The earliest ancestor of this family of whom there is any record, was George Lasher of Root. He was born about 1775 and married Catharine Acker of Stone Arabia. They had eight children: Jacob, George, Elias, Joseph, Maria, Margaret, Catharine and Eliza. Elias, father of Luke W., was born January 27, 1808, in Root, where he always lived. He married in 1835, Lucretia Wessells, daughter of Luke and Vanetta (Van Valkenburg) Wessells. They had nine children, as follows: Tenetta C., wife of Henry A. Diefendorf of Root; Mary M., wife of William Palmer of Wolcott, Wayne county; Jennie, wife of Samuel Prine of Albany; Martha, wife of David Ecker of Fultonville; Henrietta, wife of Albert Hause of Seneca; Helen, died April 16, 1885, aged twenty-nine; George L. of Wolcott; Jacob E. also of Wayne county; and Luke W. The early life of the latter was spent in Root. He was educated in the common schools, and January 7, 1869, married Mary M., daughter of Benjamin and Sarah J. (Olmstead) Flanders of Root. They have had three children, viz.: Benjamin, born May 6, 1876; Jennie E., born April 16, 1878; Lucy H., born February 21, 1883. After his marriage Mr. Lasher engaged in farming at Marshville, where he remained eight years, and then spent two years at Ames, after which he bought the farm where he now lives. Mr. Lasher is a member of the Reformed church, and for about six years was a deacon.

Button, Phelps, Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now resides, August 24, 1834, and is a son of Mathias and Amanda (Phelps) Button. The grandfather of Phelps Button, on the mother's side, was Jonah Phelps, who was born in Connecticut and came to this county at the age of twenty-two years. He was then married, his wife being Susannah Single. In 1781 he bought this farm of ninety-four acres, but afterwards added to this until it now contains 223 acres. He had five sons and six daughters, of whom Amanda was the fifth child. She was born in 1802. The grandfather on the father's side, Benjamin Button, was a native of Connecticut, born in 1758, and was a soldier in the revolution under Washington. He married in Connecticut, Clarissa Hamlin, and they had seven sons and four daughters, of whom Mathias, father of Phelps, was the youngest. He was born at Buel, July 6, 1800, and in 1821 married Amanda Phelps, by whom he had five sons: Wattson, the oldest, died in 1851, aged twenty-five years, leaving a son and two daughters by his marriage with Elizabeth Button; Oliver died March 17, 1892, aged sixty-three years, leaving one child, Frances

A. Lambert. Charles H., who resides on part of the original farm, married Hannah, daughter of Henry Brown of Argusville; Melvin, who lives in Ames, married Melissa daughter of Stewart Pettingill of Gloversville, and they have one son and two daughters; and Phelps, the subject of this sketch. The whole life of the latter has been spent on the farm. He was educated at Ames Academy, and December 29, 1856, married Margaret A., daughter of Henry and Magdalene (Putnam) Voorhees, and they have five children: Edward, a farmer in Root; Charles, a dry goods clerk at Fort Plain; Clarence, a farmer in the town of Sharon; Henry, who lives at home; and Lula, who also lives with her parents. Mr. Button is an active member of the Baptist church at Ames, and is a Republican.

Smith, John H., Canajoharie, was born on the farm where he now lives, August 19, 1824, and is a son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Cornue) Smith. The great-grandfather of John H., John Smith, was a resident of Albany county in his younger days, and came to this county, where he bought this farm in its primitive condition, and on it built a log house, which his family (consisting of his wife and six children), occupied until there was a mill built there, and lumber cut for a farm house. The boys of the family were Simon and Nicholas. The latter was born in Albany county about 1768, and came to this town with his parents about 1782. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Van Evera of Canajoharie, and they had six children: John, James, Jonas, Martin, Henry and Cornelia. Jonas, father of the subject, was born on this farm, June 15, 1798, and was educated in the common schools. He married at the age of twenty-four, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Jane (Quenau) Cornue, and they had one child, John H., our subject, whose whole life has been spent on this farm. He was educated in Ames Academy, and September 17, 1856, married Catharine R., daughter of Philip and Delany (Bronk) Smith of Canajoharie. Philip Smith was the son of Simon Smith, the brother of John's grandfather. At the death of his father, May 14, 1871, John H. came into possession of the old homestead, a property which has been in the hands of his ancestors for four generations—over 110 years. It is a fine farm of 160 acres. He has a hop yard of about ten acres, employing during the busy season about thirty workers. Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and contributes toward the support of the Reformed Church at Mapletown, of which Mrs. Smith is a member.

Shaper, Charles, Canajoharie, was born in Germany and is a son of Henry Shaper, a stone mason who came to this country about 1836. Charles at the age of sixteen years learned the stone cutter's trade and has ever since been connected with that business. In 1849 he opened a quarry, the first of that business at Canajoharie, and it has been successful from the start. In 1857 he purchased a tract of land of about fifty acres, in the southwest part of the village, which has proved to be a mine of wealth. Mr. Shaper has been an extensive shipper of stone to all parts of the state and has done much to build up the village. He owns some fine blocks and is a heavy dealer in real estate, and besides has operated for the last thirty years an extensive lime business. His son, Augustus E., has now the charge of the stone business. Mr. Shaper married on the 15th of February, 1849, Elizabeth Bergen, a native of Germany, who came when a child to this country with her parents. They have six children, as follows: Elizabeth,

Augustus E., Charles H., Christian D., John H. and Daniel C. Mr. Shaper is a Republican and has been a trustee of the village several terms, but has been too busy with his business to give much attention to politics. He has been a liberal contributor to the churches and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

Hatter, William, Canajoharie, was born on the 19th of February, 1829, in Hanover, Germany, a son of Lewis H. and Hannah (Hartman) Hatter, natives of Hanover. The father was a wagon maker. William was the youngest of five children and at the age of twenty-two he sailed for America and settled at Canajoharie, having learned his trade in Germany. He at once obtained employment and after one and a half years he started in business for himself with a capital of \$150 with Julius Fox, but in two years he purchased his partner's interest, since which time he has carried on a successful merchant tailoring establishment. He has from time to time added to his business that of ready made clothing and a general line of men's furnishing goods. In February, 1889, he turned the active management of his business over to his two sons, Albert F. and John S., now under the firm of William Hatter's Sons. Mr. Hatter owns one of the fine brick blocks of the village in which his business is conducted and other real estate. On the 14th of August, 1854, he married Elizabeth Munn of Canajoharie, who came from Germany at the age of four with her parents, who were Hessians. Mr. and Mrs. Hatter have four children: Albert F., married Mary E. Neahr, on the 24th of October, 1888; John S., who married Jennie Powers, deceased; Lizzie, and Lillie, wife of J. C. Wheeler, lawyer of Canajoharie. Mr. Hatter is a member of the Masons and Red Men.

Kocher, Peter, Marshville p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence in Canajoharie May 11, 1822, and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Garlock) Kocher. Jacob was born in Pennsylvania in 1788, his parents being known as Pennsylvania Dutch. He married in 1800 Nancy Garlock, daughter of George Garlock of this town, and they were the parents of fourteen children, of which six are now living: Benjamin of Canajoharie; Elijah of Canada; Elizabeth of Canajoharie; Catherine of the same place; Delia, wife of Solomon Seeber of Ava, Oneida county; and Peter (our subject) whose whole life has been spent on this farm. The family moved here in 1822, and when his father bought the farm there were but ten acres, but he kept adding to it until at the time of his death (May 16, 1837) he owned 207 acres. This farm was willed to George and Elijah, and they conducted it two years, then Benjamin taking Elijah's place conducted it with George until 1868, when the latter died, willing his share to Jacob and Peter. Two years later Jacob died and since than Peter has conducted it alone. There are now 124 acres with a beautiful residence, seven acres are set out with hops. December 22, 1875, he married Harriet Ottman, daughter of Christopher and Lydia (Hutton) Ottman of Root, and they are the parents of three children: George, born May 22, 1878; Bertha E., born January 22, 1884; Peter, jr., born April 25, 1887. Mr. Kocher is the excise commissioner of the town, and is a director of the Fulton and Montgomery Counties Insurance Co.

Klinkhart, Amos, Canajoharie, was born in Koenigsen, Saxony, November 8, 1819, and is a son of Frederick and Caroline (Ennist) Klinkhart. Amos was but thirteen

years of age when both of his parents died and he was thrown on the world to care for himself. On February 25, 1839, he married Frederica Lehlin, and came to this country the next year. He was a potter in Germany, but followed distilling after he came here for twenty-five years, also working at the mason's trade for some years; he then came to the farm which he bought in 1860, and is now one of the leading farmers in this section, and also conducts an apiary. He has eight children living: Augustus of Washington; Clara Filmer; John; Amelia Abeling; George of Sharon Spa; Clara Countryman of Illinois; Fannie Vanetta of Utica; and Henry of Canajoharie. Mr. Klinkhart is a staunch Republican, but not an office-seeker—only wishes to be known in history as an honest, upright citizen and successful farmer.

Klinkhart, Henry W., Canajoharie, was born in the village of St. Johnsville, October 5, 1859, and is a son of Amos and Frederica (Lehlin) Klinkhart. His life has been spent in this town. He was educated in the public school, and lived with his father until he was twenty-eight years old, when he went into partnership with Charles E. Shultz in the butcher business, opening a market on Main street, which they conducted three years; he then sold his interest and started a market in Church street with George Bergen, which they still conduct. May 14, 1880, he married Katie Rhynhart, and they are the parents of two children: Emma C., born June 9, 1881; and Alice F., born December 14, 1886. Mr. Klinkart is now the town clerk, serving his second term. He was first elected in 1891, and his re-election in 1892, shows his popularity and efficiency.

Transue, William L., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in Bucks county, Pa., March 19, 1838, and is a son of Anthony and Mary (Lambert) Transue. The great-grandfather of our subject was born in Germany and came to this country in the seventeenth century. Tracing the family down we find the home of the grandfather was in Northampton county, Pa., and the father of our subject was born there in 1803. He was married to Mary Lambert in 1824, and they were the parents of nine children. Four are living: Franklin of Pennsylvania; Aaron of Kansas City; John of South Bethlehem, Pa.; and William, our subject. His early life was spent in Pennsylvania, where he was educated in the common school, and at the age of twenty-one learned the blacksmith's trade. He followed this fifteen years, then came to Sprout Brook and bought the Central hotel, which he conducted successfully for sixteen years, then sold out and bought the farm of his present location, a fine one of 152 acres. On June 17, 1861, he was married to Alwilda Winslow of Springfield, and their union has been blessed by one child, Ida J., wife of Emerson Eckler. They were married October 30, 1889, and they are the parents of one child, Howard S., born January 11, 1891. Mr. Eckler makes his home with Mr. Transue on the homestead. These gentlemen are both interested in politics, but not as office-seekers. It can be said of them, which is the highest praise one man can give another, they are good neighbors.

Hammond, J. Mulford, Canajoharie, Sprout Brook p. o., was born July 25, 1839, in Niagara county, and is a son of Thomas and Phoebe (Mulford) Hammond. The grandfather of our subject was born in Vermont. His son, Thomas P., was born near Sprout Brook February 14, 1812, and married Phoebe Mulford, daughter of Abram Mulford of

Long Island. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah F., wife of John J. O'Neil of Utica; Mary E., wife of Cobert Dunlap of Johnstown; Gertrude, wife of C. C. Van Deusen of Van Deusenville; C. A. Hammond, a wholesale fruit dealer of Utica; A. T. Hammond of Canajoharie; Gerard W. Hammond of Canajoharie; William Hammond, who lives here; and Mulford, our subject. When he was a small child his parents moved back to this town. He was educated in the common school, and one year in Little Falls school. He helped on the farm until 1866, when he went to Amsterdam and followed millwrighting three years, returning here in 1869, and took contracts for carpenter work, employing a large number of men until 1881; since then has conducted this farm, which contains 180 acres, all under cultivation. Hay and grain are the principal crops, with a large hop-yard of twenty-nine acres, which yields him a large profit. He employs thirty to forty laborers during the busy season. Mr. Hammond is an active worker in the Democratic party, and has held the office of commissioner for two years. Thomas P. Hammond died in 1871, sixty-one years of age. Mrs. T. P. Hammond died February 27, 1892, seventy-six years of age.

Fox, Oliver, Canajoharie, Sprout Brook p. o., was born near his present residence in Canajoharie, April 5, 1831, and is a son of George and Betsey (Bell) Fox. The grandfather of our subject (Richard Fox) came from Germany, but George, his son, was born in the town of Minden in 1784, was married to Betsey Bell in 1806, and they were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are now living. Oliver, who was the youngest child, was educated in the common school, and at the death of his father in 1850, he went to live with Squire Dunlap, a native of Connecticut. Oliver bought the Dunlap farm, and Dunlap went to Virginia. He lived on this farm until 1860, when he bought the old Billy Dunlap farm of 172 acres, which he has since successfully conducted. In 1886 when hops were very high Mr. Fox sold 11,000 pounds at ninety cents a pound. January 1, 1866, he married Sarah Coleman, daughter of Samuel Coleman of Buel, and they were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living: John S. of Richfield, a traveling man; George H., a farmer of Buel; Kate, wife of Cornelius Robinson of Buel; and Charles D., who lives at home. Mr. Fox has held office in his town for over twenty years, and is a supporter of the best man in the field of politics. He is interested in the M. E. church at Sprout Brook, and aids in its support. Charles D. Fox was born November 5, 1862, on the old homestead farm. He was educated in the common school and has always lived at home. On March 17, 1887, he married Nora Shoemaker, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Sternberg) Shoemaker of Richfield Springs, and they have one child, Oliver G., born January 12, 1888.

Mallette, Dr. George P., Canajoharie, Sprout Brook p. o., was born in Canajoharie, near Ames, September 4, 1831, and is a son of Philo and Rhoda (Taylor) Mallette. The great-grandfather of our subject was one of the Huguenots who escaped from France at the time of the religious persecution. The story of their escape is interesting. When they left their home they were followed by those who would massacre them if caught. Being hard pressed they sought shelter under a bridge, where, in their concealment, they heard their pursuers say in passing over, that they would catch them and kill them in a piece of wood just beyond. They remained quiet until midnight, and in the

darkness they escaped and soon found passage for America. The son of this emigrant, George Mallette, was the grandfather of our subject. One of his sons, Philo, married Rhoda Taylor. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Jay of Ephratah; Lucretia Wilcox of Canajoharie; Daniel P. of Cherry Valley; Charles C. of Springfield; William of Colyersville; James of Unadilla; Charlotte, wife of Benjamin Jensen; and our subject. His life was spent in this town with the exception of six years. He was educated at Ames Academy, and at the age of twenty-six he entered Paine Medical College at Philadelphia. When he left school he went with Dr. Mosher at Richmondville three years, practiced and studied with Dr. Chase at Warner-ville one year, then came to Sprout Brook where he has since practiced. March 24, 1855, he married Sarah A. Fuller of Richmondville, and they are the parents of four daughters: Florence, wife of Edward Ferguson of Gloversville; Nettie, wife of Jervis Johnson of Richmondville; Lottie, and Ella R. Mrs. Mallette died May 24, 1888. Mr. Mallette takes an active interest in the Sprout Brook Methodist church, and was secretary and treasurer of the society for several years.

Shaw, Thomas J., Canajoharie, Sprout Brook p. o., was born at Pleasant Brook, Otsego county, October 16, 1841, and is a son of Francis M. and Lydia A. (Bush) Shaw. The grandfather of our subject, Thomas Shaw, was born in Connecticut in 1760 and came to Otsego county, settling in Decatur about 1813. He was the father of eight children. Francis M. was the second son. He was born in Connecticut in 1811 and married Lydia Bush, daughter of George Bush of Frey's Bush, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and they were the parents of eleven children, eight are living: Julia, Henrietta, wife of Henry Farquaharson; Catherine, wife of Levi Grey; Margaret, wife of Hollett Abrams; Fanny, wife of Ferdinand Hibbard; George, John, all of Cooperstown; and Thomas, our subject. His boyhood days were spent in Otsego county, where he was educated in the Lancaster School at Cherry Valley. At the age of nineteen he started a blacksmith shop at Buel in this town. He conducted this until 1869 when he moved to Cooperstown where he had a shop for three years, then farming it for three years, coming to Sprout Brook in 1875, where he has since conducted a successful business. January 6, 1870, he married Mary J. Barringer, daughter of Moses and Mary J. (Grey) Barringer of Springfield. Mr. Shaw has never taken an active interest in politics, but devotes his whole time and attention to business. His ambition has been to be a successful business man and he is known the town over as an honest upright citizen, and good neighbor.

Brummer, Mrs. Carrie L., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born in Canajoharie July 12, 1853, and is a daughter of Augustus and Louisa (Whiteman Freebolt) and is also the widow of Philip Brummer. The early life of our subject was spent in this town, and after her marriage she moved to Worcester, Mass., where her husband conducted a jewelry store. She was married November 25, 1879, and their union has been blessed by four children: Lula, born October 26, 1880; George C., born January 2, 1883; P. Edward, born May 15, 1886; Rose Emily, born July 31, 1889. Philip Brummer died January 17, 1892, at fifty-three years of age. Augustus Freebolt was born in Germany about 1810 and came to this country in 1850. In 1851 Louisa Whiteman came to this

country and they were married soon after. They were the parents of four children, of which three are now living: Annie, wife of Ernest Findling; Augustus, who conducts a market in Fort Plain and a farm in Cherry Valley; and Carrie L., our subject. Mr. Freebolt died June 1, 1892, aged seventy-three. Louisa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freebolt, died June 20, 1862. Mrs. Brummer owns and conducts the farm of seventy-two acres, cultivating hops and general produce. She is a member of the Lutheran church at Frey's Bush.

Garlock, Adam H., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence in the town of Canajoharie February 28, 1823, and is a son of Henry and Laney (Bort) Garlock. The grandfather of our subject, Adam Garlock, was born in this county in 1754. The great-grandfather came from Germany, locating at Fort Plain. Adam Garlock bought this farm in its wild condition and cleared it for cultivation. They had a great deal of trouble with the Indians during the revolution, in which he was a soldier. He was married to Hannah Grey of Palatine. They were the parents of seven children; Henry, father of our subject, was the youngest. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Laney Bort of Mapletown April 25, 1822, and they were the parents of two children: Reuben, born December 23, 1825, and Adam H., our subject. He has always lived on this old historic farm. At the death of his father, August 15, 1844, he and his brother Reuben inherited the farm which they have since successfully conducted in partnership. December 31, 1851, he married Elizabeth Seeber, daughter of William H. and Nancy (Failing) Seeber, and their union has been blessed by two children: Ransford H., born February 27, 1855, and Augusta, now widow of John H. Fisher, born June 5, 1858. Ransford makes his home on the old farm, the fifth generation to occupy it. On January 13, 1876, he married Henrietta Kougher of this town and they are the parents of two children: La Pearl, born January 2, 1877, and Stanley K., born April 23, 1879. This is one of the best and largest farms of the town, containing 300 acres, 200 are under cultivation, hay and grain are the principal products.

Diefendorf, Philip J., Canajoharie, Buel p. o., was born on the farm of his present residence in Canajoharie March 15, 1835, and is a son of Daniel and Nancy (Wieting) Diefendorf. His great-grandfather came from Germany and settled in Herkimer county, where John Jacob (grandfather of our subject) was born in 1762; he was married to Christina Wilson and was the father of eight children; Daniel (father of our subject) was the oldest and was born in 1793 in Danube. His first wife was Elizabeth Murphy and they were the parents of two children. After her death he married Nancy, daughter of the Rev. John Christopher Wieting, who came to this country to avoid joining the army. Daniel and Nancy were the parents of four children, three are living: Oliver M. of Schoharie county; Rev. Chauncey, pastor of the Lutheran church in Berne, Albany county; and Philip, our subject. He was educated in the Cherry Valley Academy and at the age of twenty began teaching school, which he followed for five years. He then went to farming on the old homestead. August 28, 1862, he married Maria Slingerland and they are the parents of two children: Annie G., born April 12, 1867, and Cora, now Mrs. Earl Mixer of Springfield, Otsego county, born March 7, 1869.

Mrs. Diefendorf died December 6, 1883. March 24, 1886, he married Martha Brookman of Minden. Mr. Diefendorf has always taken an active interest in church work, and for eighteen years had held the office of deacon of the Frey's Bush Lutheran church. He is Republican in his politics but is not an office seeker. He conducts a fine farm of 100 acres, and is considered a prosperous farmer and good neighbor.

Reagles, Marcus, Canajoharie, Frey's Bush p. o., was born in Canajoharie November 25, 1829, and is a son of Winther and Elizabeth (Wieting) Reagles. The grandfather of our subject (Cornelius Reagles) was one of those who fled from Schenectady to Albany in the night at the time of the massacre. He was the father of eight children and Winther was the youngest. He was born in Schenectady March 20, 1804. He was educated at Union College. His profession as teacher he followed for over thirty years, teaching among other places, at Ames, Marshville, Buel, Hinsdale, and when the old Garlock store stood on the corner of the Cherry Valley turnpike and the road to Fort Plain, he was filling the position of clerk. March 3, 1827, he married Elizabeth Wieting, daughter of Rev. John Christopher Wieting, who once acted as Burgoyne's secretary, and they were the parents of three children: Maria, now Mrs. Peter Milmine of Wisconsin; Margaret Ann, and Marcus, our subject. His early life was spent at home, and when he was fourteen years old his father bought a small farm of fifty acres, and in 1850 bought the farm known as the Gilbert Van Alstine place of 160 acres, where they lived fifteen years, then he bought the farm where Marcus now lives, and at his death, January 10, 1892, he left it to him. He owns also a farm of 160 acres in Minden and the old homestead farm of 100 acres, and forty acres in this place, making in all about 300 acres. Mr. Reagles is an active church worker, and has filled the office of deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran church for over twelve years.

Kibbie, Annie Mrs., Amsterdam, was born in Fulton county. Her first husband was George F. Cox, a native of Charlton. In his early life he was a teacher and at one time a principal of St. Johnsville Academy. He was afterwards a physician and died in 1876. Her second husband was born in Fulton county in 1824, and was well educated and a successful merchant and speculator. They were married on the 11th of September, 1877. Her father (James Canary) was born in Perth, in the year 1813 and married Harriet Dixon of Mayfield. They had three sons and three daughters: Annie, James, John C., Maurice, Fannie E., and Emma H. The grandfather, James Canary, was a colonel in the revolutionary war.

Fonda, Douw, came from Schenectady to Fonda (which place was named for him) in 1767. He had three sons; Adam, Jellis and John, and was killed by the Indians; during Sir John Johnson's raid in 1780, two of his sons, Adam and John, were taken prisoners, carried to Canada, and held there two years. Adam, on his return, settled on a farm near Fonda; Jellis bought a tract of land eight miles west; and John settled in the eastern part of Fonda. Douw A. Fonda, son of Adam, married Lavina Breese and had three children: Adam D., Garrett Tunis, and Gertrude. He was a Democrat and in 1832 was elected to the assembly. The family belonged to the Reformed church. He died in 1855 and she in 1857. Adam D., son of Douw A., was born in 1802, and married in 1822, Lydia, daughter of Thomas Sammons, and had nine children. He was a Democrat and served as loan commissioner; he was active in politics, and was influen-

tial in the removal of the court house from Johnstown to Fonda. Douw A., son of Adam D. and Lydia (Sammons) Fonda, was born October 14, 1824. He worked on a farm until he was twenty-one, when he began clerking in Fultonville for H. P. Voorhees, where he remained three years, after which he opened a general store in Fonda and dealt largely in produce, until 1857. He has served as county treasurer three years and supervisor three years; also trustee of the village several terms. December 6, 1848, he married Gertrude A. Cole of Broome county, who bore him seven children: Thomas, a New York hay dealer in company with his father; Nathan Cole, who has been cashier for John H. Starin since 1876; Herbert N., a grocer in New York; Bertha, wife of Dr. Elliott Gorton, physician to the State Lunatic Asylum in New Jersey; Sophia, who lives at home; and two are deceased. Douw A. is a member of Fultonville Lodge No. 531, F. & A. M.

Williams, Charles W., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Fulton, Schoharie county, June 27, 1843, and was educated in the public schools. In early life he was a farmer, but afterwards learned the tinsmith's trade, and in 1854 he came to Amsterdam with his parents. In 1864 he enlisted in Company A, 91st N. Y. S. Volunteers, and was in the battles of Gravelly Run, Quaker Plank Road, Five Forks and the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox; he was in the second brigade, third division, fifth army corps, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Mr. Williams's mother's grandfather (Edwin Taylor) was in the revolution. Mr. Williams married in 1866 Kate, a daughter of H. S. Stewart of this city, by whom he had one daughter, Lena, who died at the age of five. Mrs. Williams died May 9, 1876. He married on July 27, 1887, Mary Martin of Amsterdam, and they have one daughter, Barbara M. Mr. Williams's father (David) was born in the state of Massachusetts, and at an early day came to Schoharie county; he married Mary A. Hagadorn of that county; they had seven children, as follows: Catharine, Leeman, Charles W., David, Stephen, Jennie, and Edward. Stephen, Charles W., and David were in the late war. Mr. Williams has been in the hardware business in this city since March, 1872. He is a member of Post Young No. 36, G. A. R., also a member of the Knights of Pythias, Chuctenunda Lodge No. 100, a member of A. O. U. W., Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 209, and the Order of Red Men, Kennyetto Tribe No. 100.

Larrabee, Louis, Amsterdam, Cranesville p. o., was born in the town of Amsterdam January 20, 1820, and was a son of Seth and Nancy (Groat) Larrabee. Seth was a son of Richard and Patty (Webster) Larrabee. Richard came to this country during the French war and located in Rhode Island, thence went to New Hampshire where he married a sister of Daniel Webster's father. At the time of the Boston tea party he and two of his sons helped to throw that cargo overboard. He was an officer in the revolutionary war and lost one of his sons. Ebenezer was killed at Bunker Hill; Richard was taken prisoner with Ethan Allen and taken to England, where they were kept until the war closed. He died January 28, 1828, ninety-six years of age. Seth was also a soldier, having served in the war of 1812. He was born February 26, 1776, died January 4, 1850, leaving seven children, only two are now living: Caleb C. of Jackson, Mich.; and Louis, our subject. The latter has always made this town his home. Educated in the common school with a short course in Union College. When

he was twelve years old he went with Commodore Leger, visiting the Caribbean sea for the purpose of expelling the pirates. He has served as tallyman at Albany and New York wharves. He married Catharine Swart of Florida January 30, 1850, who died in 1875, leaving one child, Charles Edwin of Schenectady. March 27, 1876, he married Mary C. Bradt, daughter of John and Catherine (De Graff) Bradt, early settlers of this town. Mr. Larrabee is one of the leading farmers of this section and has a very pleasant and comfortable home. He is popular among the townsmen, and has held offices of trust and honor in the town.

Wiles Family, The.—Jacob Wiles, the son of John and the grandson of Joseph Henry Wiles, was born in Minden March 18, 1807. His father died November 12, 1831, in his fifty-seventh year. His grandfather died November 29, 1831, aged eighty. Jacob married Anna, daughter of Nicholas Casler, who died April 4, 1884, aged seventy-eight. They had three children: Ephraim, Rufus, who died in Minden June 4, 1874, in his twenty-fourth year; and Aaron, who resides in Minden. Jacob died March 5, 1891, in his eighty-fourth year. Ephraim, the oldest of the family, was born in Minden July 1, 1827, and for his first wife married Catherine Pickard; they had one son, Jacob J., and Mr. Wiles married second, Elizabeth Walrath. Ephraim died November 11, 1875, in his forty-ninth year. Jacob J. (mentioned above) was born in Minden October 21, 1848, and for his first wife married Irena Dillenback, and had one child, Anna; Irena died May 30, 1876, in her twenty-fourth year. For his second wife he married Lucina, daughter of Peter Fake.

Hyland, Dr. Thomas G., was born in Madison county on the 8th of June, 1857, and was educated in the public schools and Madison University (now Colgate University), and graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1879. In 1880 he located in Amsterdam and has been eminently successful in the practice of his profession to the present time. November 27, 1883, he married Annie McAvinue of Albany. They have two children: Lillian M. and Regnia A. His father, Patrick, was born in Ireland, and in 1847 came to the United States with his wife, Mary Congdon, by whom he had nine children among them Rev. J. F. Hyland, Ilion, N. Y.; Dr. E. M. Hyland, Utica, N. Y.; and H. P. Hyland, attorney, Brooklyn. Dr. Hyland is a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society and Albany County Medical Society. In 1884 he was appointed by Governor Cleveland coroner for Montgomery county and in 1885 was elected to the same office for three years. He has been city physician in Amsterdam, and health officer for the past two years. He belongs to the National Guard of the State and ranks as 1st lieutenant and assistant surgeon to the 3d brigade. For the past two years he has acted as a civil service commissioner for Amsterdam City.

Veeder, Major-General Abram, of the militia, was the son of Johannis Veeder, and was born in Mohawk in 1743. He died January 25, 1814. His remains lie on the Veeder farm with these lines on his monument:

“His standard justice, truth his leading star,  
Honor and humanity his care :  
Thus passed our hero to his earthly doom,  
His soul to God, his body to the tomb.  
Reader, attend! copy if you can  
God’s noblest work, an honest man.”

During one of the Tory and Indian raids through the valley his buildings were burned. He married Sarah Vedder by whom he had one child, Albert, and she dying soon after, he married Nancy Fonda, by whom he had two sons and five daughters. Albert, above mentioned, was born in 1769 on the old farm, and married Nancy Eacker, by whom he had twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity. His second wife was Rebecca Van Vechten. He was a farmer and was the first constable in town. He was afterwards an assessor, an important office during the war of 1812, and for twenty years a magistrate of the town. The only surviving children of Albert Veeder are Margaret and Catharine, who live on the homestead farm at a ripe age. Johannis Veeder was a very prominent and useful man and his four sons were also distinguished. In addition to Abram there was Volkert, who for six terms represented Montgomery county in the Legislature, while Simon was county judge for seven years, and John had a seat in the Senate for an equal period. The descendants of the family are numerous and hold positions of usefulness in society.

Olmstead, Jeremiah, Root, was born in the town of Glen, August 29, 1849. He was educated in the public schools of Glen, and January 25, 1877, married Amelia, only daughter of David and Sophia A. Veeder of this town, formerly of the town of Charleston. They have two sons and two daughters: Freddie D., May S., Edward V., and Marjorie A. Mr. Olmstead's father, Albert, was born in Saratoga, but since he was a young man has resided in Glen. He married Hannah C. Van Schaick, and they had four sons and four daughters: John E., Albert H., Jane E., Martha A., Mary, Catharine, Jeremiah and William V. S. The ancestry of this family is Dutch, German and American.

Hand, Edward J., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Glen, Montgomery county, on the 25th of October, 1866, and was educated in the public schools and Amsterdam Academy. In company with Tunis Peck he manufactured brooms under the firm name of Tunis Peck & Co., till August 15, 1892. Mr. Hand's father, John, was born at the old home, and married Jane E. Bennett of his native town. He was a farmer by occupation and had one son, Edward J. John Hand died on the first of January, 1892, Mr. Hand's occupation at present is the settling up of his father's estate. He was elected, November 8, 1892, member of assembly from Montgomery county.

Hoffman, Julius, Root, was born in the province of Silesia, Prussia, October 25, 1838. He was educated in the public schools there, and afterwards learned the piano-maker's and organbuilder's trade, which he followed in the fatherland, and also in the various locations where has lived, London and America. He went to London in 1862, remaining there four years. In 1866 he embarked for the United States, and located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained four years. Mr. Hoffman is an expert apiarist. He removed to Rockland county, where he remained only one year, as the location was not suited to this business. He next removed to Fort Plain, and then soon afterwards located permanently in the town of Root, where he manufactures the finest article in organs and is teaching his sons the same art. He is an apiarist also, and has the latest improvements for bee culture, with an invention of his own, called the Hoffman frame, which is now in general use in this country. He has also imported the Cyprian

and Caucasian bees, and as the result of this combination with his native bees, he thinks he has a very fine breed. June 25, 1868, he married Mary Goeringer of his native place, and they have had seven children, three sons and four daughters. One son, August, was drowned at the age of seven years. The others are Hattie Ernestine, Elizabeth Marie, Paul Julius, Helen Emma, Julius Ernest, and Erna Marguerita. Mr. Hoffman's residence and surroundings are among the finest in the neighborhood, and should be an example for imitation.

Meyer, John, Root, a son of John and Mary (Kink) Meyer, was born February 11, 1837, in Bisel, Conton Hersingen, Alsace, France (now Germany). March 2, 1854, he came to the United States, when he was seventeen years old, and located in the town of Palatine. Here he attended school one term in winter and then worked on a farm by the year for six years. In the year 1860 Mr. Meyer and his brother Henry hired four hundred acres of land of Christian L. Lathers for the term of five years in the town of Root. Here his brother Henry was accidentally killed by falling on a pitch-fork, and left a wife and five children, Christina, Mary, Elizabeth, Dora, Louise. December 20, 1859, he married Anna C. Minch, who was born in Germany. They had six children, five sons and one daughter: George H., John J., Catherine E. (deceased), Charles, William and Edward. Mrs. Meyer died February 15, 1874, mourned by a bereaved family. November 7, 1877, he married for his second wife Cornelia, daughter of Andrew Duesler, by whom he had one son, Henry (deceased). Mr. Meyer's father married Mary Kink of his native place; they had two sons and three daughters, Henry, John, Mary, Anna and Josephine; he served in the war with Napoleon I. Mr. Meyer has been very successful in this country, residing on his own farm of one hundred acres. His son William resides on another one hundred acres owned by him (John Meyer) and another lot of twenty-five acres, all told 225 acres. Mr. Meyer has always identified himself with the Republican party.

Smeallie, P. Henry, Amsterdam, was born in West Galway, Saratoga county, June 7, 1862. Both his parents died when he was very young, and he came to reside with his uncle, Dr. Scoon in Amsterdam, where he was educated in the schools and academy. He then entered the office of Stewart & Carmichael's paper mills as bookkeeper, and was afterwards teller in the Farmer's National Bank two years. He is now conducting a paper mill under the firm name of Smeallie, Phillips & Co. December 2, 1885, he married Kittie L., oldest daughter of John F. and Elvira Morris of this city. They have two children, a son and daughter, John M. and Marion E. Mr. Smeallie's father, Andrew J., was born at Blue Corners, March 13, 1821, and married Margaret Knox of West Galway, who was born June 11, 1823. Their children were: John K., William B., James A. and P. Henry. His father died May 3, 1869, and his mother June 3, 1868. Mr. Smeallie's grandparents, both on his father's and mother's side, came from Scotland.

Gilliland, Francis, Amsterdam, was born at Yankee Hill, Florida in February, 1820; his education was limited on account of the death of his father when he was four years old; at the age of nine he drove on the canal; at eleven he started to learn book-binding which he followed two years; afterwards he learned the piano maker's trade

which he followed for some time. When a young man he returned to the village of Amsterdam, opening a cabinet shop on the northwest side of the river bridge; he then bought two boats on the old canal and followed boating for several years; after this he followed various occupations until 1868, when he opened a general woodworker's establishment in Mudge Hollow, just above Serviss & De Graff's saw and flour mills. In 1842 he married Ellen Margaret (Starling) Gilliland who was born in Newport, Herkimer county; they had seven children, six sons and one daughter, William, Henry H., John W., Charles E., Mason T., Francis E., Harry J. and Ella B. They are all dead except Francis E. and Mason T., who are conducting the business under the firm name of Francis Gilliland's Sons. Francis E. was admitted a partner with his father at the age of nineteen years. Mason T. worked in the shoe business for nine years. Mason T. was born December 29, 1852, and was educated in the village schools. September 9, 1874, he married Margaret Sammons, a grandniece of Colonel Sammons; they have two children, Francis E. and Roy E. Francis E. was born October 26, 1854, and was educated in the village schools. January 6, 1878, he married Hannah A. Stannard of Newport, Herkimer county; they have three daughters, Sarah, Laura M. and Florence M. Sarah died at the age of six months. Mr. Gilliland has held all the important offices of the village of Amsterdam; he was president of the village two terms; trustee on three different occasions and school trustee one term; he was an ardent Republican and an Odd Fellow: he is said to be the father of the I. O. O. F. in Amsterdam. Francis E. is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Mechanic's Association; he has held the offices through in both lodges, and was trustee of the village of Port Jackson four years. Mason T. is a member of the Woodbine Lodge 250, Knights of Pythias and holds the office of master of finance.

Stowitt, Phillip H., Root, was born at the old homestead, near Rural Grove, January 28, 1857, was educated in the public schools of the town and is a farmer. He has twice married, first, on May 28, 1876, to Amelia C. Pulver, by whom he had two sons and a daughter: Edwin J., Pearl E., and Fred Howard. Mrs. Stowitt died October 10, 1885, and he married second, April 14, 1887, Lillie M. Van Alstine of Canajoharie. Mr. Stowitt's father, Jacob M., was born at Currytown, June 15, 1817. He was educated in the public schools of that day, and was by occupation a farmer. In the year 1855 he married Mary Shelp, by whom he had four sons: Philip H., Irving J., who married Blanche J. Howell and now resides in Nebraska; Howard M., who married Allie D. Van Alstine of Canajoharie; the wife of the latter son is dead, and he is at the present writing in a dental college in New York city; and Arthur D., who is a physician, and married a Miss Blanchard, of Sidney, Nebraska, where they reside. Philip H. Stowitt's grandfather Philip was born on the old homestead and married Gertrude M. Moschell of his native town, by whom he had six children: Jacob M., Henry P., George P., Margaret, Mary E., and Nancy C. The great-grandfather of the subject, George P. was killed in the battle of Oriskany, and his son Michael was captured by a squad of English soldiers at the age of fourteen when returning from a funeral at Sprakers, and he was taken to Canada and kept for a year.

Crosby, Oliver, Root, son of Obadiah and Catherine (Baird) Crosby, was born where he now lives, May 11, 1846. He was educated in the district schools and the Seminary

and owns the old homestead. He is a Democrat. August 25, 1880, he married Mary E., daughter of Michael and Jane (Ottman) Seeley, and they have five children: Alice, Theodore, Henry L., Schuyler and Foster. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. The grandfather, Theodore, son of Obadiah (who was a leather dresser and a pioneer of Root) was born in Root, and married a Mrs. Rulianna Foster, and they had five children: Seth, Elizabeth, Mary, Oliver and Obadiah. Theodore died September, 1849, and his wife died in February, 1850. Their son, Obadiah, father of Oliver, was born in Schoharie county, and at the age of seven moved with his parents to Root. In 1881 he moved to Carlisle, and died in 1886. His wife survives him. They had five children: Oliver, Isaac, Julia, who died in 1881, Lydia and Ann, who died in 1879.

Crane, T. H. Benton, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam January 10, 1842, was educated in the public schools, and was in the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. for eight years. For a time he was clerk in a grocery store. In the year 1873 he entered the employ of the First National Bank of this city, first as teller, and for the past two years has been its cashier. Mr. Crane is a member of Artisan Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M. In August, 1861, he married Mary E., second daughter of Lansing and Abigail Ostrom of this city, by whom he had three children: David Cady, Ruth E., and James Benton. Mr. Crane's father, Abraham, was born in Orange, N. J., and came to this state with his parents at the age of ten years. They located east of Amsterdam at a place known now as Crane's Village. He married Mrs. Rachel H. Welling of Trenton, N. J., and they had two children, a son and a daughter: T. H. Benton, as noted above, and Cornelia C., who married William Bolster of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Crane's grandfather, John, was a soldier in the revolution, and his mother's brother, James Potter, was in the war of 1812 and the Mexican war.

Dillenbeck, Lysander, St. Johnsville was born in Palatine October 21, 1819, a son of Martinus I. and Elizabeth (Everson) Dillenbeck. His father was an emigrant from Holland, who settled in Palatine. The subject's father was born in Palatine 1786. He was a captain in the war of 1812. The family still have the sword he carried. He was a farmer, a liberal man, always ready to assist his neighbors, and a leader in the Lutheran church. His wife was a daughter of Adam and Dorothy (Doxtater) Everson, and bore him three children: Magdaline Miller, Catharine Wagner, and Lysander. She was a member of the Reformed church. He was a Whig and a Republican, and served as supervisor. His death occurred June 9, 1859. Lysander Dillenbeck was raised on a farm, and at the age of twenty-four bought his father's homestead of ninety-two acres. Later he added forty-seven acres, and engaged in breeding Holstein cattle. In 1880 he located in St. Johnsville, and had retired from active business. He is a liberal supporter of home industries and the church. He was a Republican and had held town offices. He married first, Elizabeth, daughter of John G. and Margaret (Kilts) Shults of Palatine, who bore him the following children: Mary C., deceased wife of Martin Shults, who left two children, Ezra and Meltha; Ezra, deceased, who left his wife Perceilia and two children, Ezra D. and Lizzie C. His wife died January 1, 1870 (a member of the Lutheran church), and he married second, Julia, daughter of Peter I.

and Catharine (Saltsman) Saltsman. They are both members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Dillenbeck died October 7, 1892.

Fox, George H., Canajoharie, was born on the old homestead farm at Sprout Brook January 10, 1855, a son of Oliver G. and Sarah (Coleman) Fox. He was educated in the common schools and Fort Plain Academy and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage (with the exception of one year at Sharon depot). February 18, 1885, he married Kittie, daughter of Aaron and Catharine (Lintner) Finehout, and they have three children: Anna L., born November 30, 1885; Cora B., born February 21, 1890; and Daniel E., born June 5, 1892. In June, 1890, Mr. Fox bought his present residence known as the Peter G. Dygart farm. This is as good a farm as there is in this section, the principal crops being hops, hay and grain. Mr. Fox is an ardent supporter of the Republican ticket, but is not an office seeker.

Collins, Ira, Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam July 4, 1820, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Ilkman) Collins. His early life was spent on the old homestead farm and he attended school in that district. February 23, 1859, he married Hannah Knapp of Gloversville, daughter of Solomon Knapp. In 1852 he left home to engage on Colonel Davie's farm for two years, then going to his brother's in this town, and from there to the farm of J. J. Serviss. In 1870 he bought the farm of 110 acres of Mrs. Chapman at Hagaman's Mills. He has two children: William J., born February 23, 1861, and Anna E. Manzer, born November 20, 1864. Mr. Collins has been a very successful farmer, owing to his perseverance, ambition and integrity. Back as far as he can ascertain, his ancestors have been Americans.

Vosburg, Jay, Root, was born near Flat Creek, upon the farm where he now resides, December 25, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of his town, is a farmer by occupation, and married, October 11, 1882, Lydia, third daughter of Gifford A. and Harriet Hill of Ames. They have two children, Flora Field and J. Voorhees. Mr. Vosburg's father, Jacob, was born east of the present homestead, October 2, 1803. He was a pioneer farmer, and was twice married, first to Hannah Mount, by whom he had five children: Fannie M., Abby J., Lydia, Elijah M., and Washington. The latter enlisted in the late war in the year 1862, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Jacob Vosburg married for his second wife, January 27, 1848, Almira Gardenier of Argusville, Schoharie county, and they had two sons and three daughters: Howard, who married Lydia Devendorf of this town, and resides in Canajoharie; Hattie E., who married Stanton Taylor: Essie, who married Arthur Hill of Ames; Nellie M., and Jay. Jacob Vosburg's uncle, Jacob Devendorf, was scalped by the Indians, though he lived for many years afterwards. Jacob M. Gardenier, father of Mrs. Almira Vosburg, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Brannock, H. W., photographer, of Amsterdam, was born in Williamstown, Ky., February 2, 1866. He received his education in that state, finishing in the St. Charles College of Missouri, of which his father, Prof. J. P. Brannock, was president. Leaving the college in 1885 he went to Kansas City and took up photographing, remaining there one year, when he settled in Amsterdam in the same business. Here he purchased an established studio and has advanced to the front rank among the artists of Central New

York. Many of the portraits from which the steel engravings in this volume were made, were made by him, and he also has negatives of many other leading citizens of the county. Mr. Brannock's father married Lydia E. White, and they had six children. Mr. Brannock's place of business is at 68 East Main street.

Larrabee, John E., Amsterdam, was born in the town of Amsterdam, November 24, 1851. He had the advantage of a common school education, and became a clerk for E. T. Leavenworth in the hardware business. He has been clerk and partner, conducting the business for sixteen years on his own account. In 1876 he was in partnership with L. L. Dean, continuing for six years under the firm name of L. L. Dean & Co. Afterward he formed a partnership with W. G. Barnes which lasted eight years, under the firm name of Larrabee & Barnes, and has been conducting a hardware business on his own account two years, on Market street. February 6, 1889, he married Louise Leavenworth of this city and they have one daughter, Katharine Louise. Mr. Larrabee's father, Roswell, was born in this town December 26, 1825, and married Sarah Van Vleck of Fulton county. They had two sons and a daughter: John E., as noted above; Irving, unmarried, who clerks for his brother; and Anna B., who married John King of Schenectady. Mr. Larrabee is a member of the K. of P. Woodbine Lodge No. 250. The family are of French and Dutch extraction.

Enders Family, The.—It is believed that Bertram Enders came from the lower Palatinate (along the river Rhine) with the second German immigration to America, which arrived in New York in June and July, 1710. They came to Nutten (now Governor's Island), thence to Livingston Manor on the Hudson, the latter part of the same year. They removed to the Schoharie valley in the fall of 1712, or in the spring of 1713. Bertram Enders purchased lands of Hendrick Houck in 1729 and 1730. The homestead was what is now known as the Kilmer farm. It is a few miles below Central Bridge, and is now owned by Henry Bagley. Bertram Enders had three sons, Jacob, Peter, and John. John, the youngest, remained on the old homestead where he died March 12, 1825, aged seventy years. Peter settled near Schoharie Junction. He was a revolutionary soldier. His buildings were burned in 1780, when Sir John Johnson and Brant devastated the Schoharie valley. He had five daughters: Catharine, wife of Joseph Borst; Christiana, wife of Harmon Becker; Maria, wife of Jacob Enders of Fort Hunter; Elizabeth, wife of John Enders of Fort Hunter; and Nancy, wife of Philip Dietz; and two sons, Jacob P., who retained the homestead, and Peter I., who settled at Central Bridge. Jacob Enders, Bertram's eldest son, born 1740, died 1807, came to Fort Hunter about 1758. He settled on the estate now owned by the heirs of John Leslie Voorhees. Jacob Enders had three daughters: Elizabeth, Christiana and Eva; and four sons: Jacob, John, Peter and Christian. John Enders, born in 1783, died in 1861. Elizabeth, his wife, born 1784, died in 1835. John kept the homestead which has been in possession of the Enders-Voorhees family, about 134 years. John Enders had two children, Catharine Ann, born in 1810, died in 1877, wife of the late John Leslie Voorhees; and Peter, who died in March, 1877, in his sixty-fifth year. Jacob Enders, brother of the above, was born in 1768 and died in 1827. Maria, his wife, born 1774, died 1856. They had two daughters, Catharine Ann, wife of the late Isaac Houck, and Elizabeth, wife of the late John C. Yost, and two sons, Jacob E., who

died in childhood, and Peter I. The latter was born at Fort Hunter, N. Y., 1799, where he died in 1866 at his home, which has been in the family over a hundred years. His wife, Catharine Ann, daughter of John Van Derveer, died in 1890. They had two children, Jacob Henry and Catharine Elizabeth, wife of John H. Voorhees, esq. Rev. Jacob Henry Enders was born at Fort Hunter, November 19, 1834, was graduated from Union College in 1858; from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1861. He was chaplain of the 153d regiment N. Y. S. Volunteers from October, 1862 till October 18, 1865. Was in the Red River, La., and Shenandoah Valley, Va., campaigns. In 1866 he became pastor of the Reformed Church at Lysander, where he remained until 1869. In 1867 he was married to Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of William Voorhees, who died in 1881. He was pastor of the Reformed Church, Chittenango, from 1869 to 1880. He married in 1887 Elizabeth Bridgman, daughter of John S. Goold of Albany. He was associate pastor of the Albany City Mission from 1881 to 1889; and since 1889 has been missionary superintendent of the Particular Synod of Albany.

Garlock, Michael, Sprout Brook p. o., was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, May 22, 1825, a son of Charles E. and Christiana (Brookman) Garlock. The great-grandfather was born in Holland and when he came to this country he settled in New York. He was the father of several children; one was Elias, the grandfather of our subject. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was wounded at Oriskany, from the effects of which he died. He was the father of five children. Charles E., the second son was the father of our subject. He was born in 1787, married when twenty-four years of age to Christiana Brookman, and they were the parents of seven children, four are now living: Peter and Nancy, twins; Peter, a farmer of Oswego, and Nancy, widow of Isaae Snyder of Danube; Eve Eliza, widow of John Walrod of Danube; and Michael, our subject. His early life was spent in Danube and as his father died when Michael was two years old, he very early started to shift for himself. In 1847 he came to this town and married, September 13, 1848, Harriet Spraker, daughter of George and Nancy (Wieting) Spraker, and their union was blessed by three children, two are living: Charles Edgar, born January 27, 1852, and Eliza Ann, wife of Fayette Wieting of Gloversville, born February 25, 1854. Nancy Helen, wife of Reuben Yordon, died September 7, 1891, aged forty-one. In 1870 Mr. Garlock bought the farm of ninety-seven acres where he now lives and cultivates hops, hay and grain. Mrs. Garlock died June 16, 1884. Charles E., was married October 28, 1873, to Jennie Allen and they are the parents of one child, Florence, born February 28, 1886. Mr. Garlock is a member of the Frey's Bush Lutheran Church, and C. Edgar, a member of the M. E. Church at Sprout Brook. They are not politicians and it is said of them that they are good neighbors and citizens. Mr. Garlock's home is on the highest point in the town of Canajoharie.

Wessell, Mary E., Root, was the second daughter of Peter Ottman of Schoharie county. Her late husband, James M. Wessell, was born at Flat Creek, in the town of Root, April 18, 1834. He was educated in the public school and Carlisle Academy, was a farmer and afterwards a hotel keeper, and was generally known to be an exemplary landlord. February 27, 1861, he married Mary E. Ottman of Sharon, Schoharie county. Mr. Wessell died February 23, 1889. Mrs. Wessell will retire from hotel-

keeping March 1, 1893, having at the present writing sold her hotel property. To her credit it may be said that she conducted the hotel in the same manner that her husband did. Mrs. Wessel's father, Peter Ottman, was born in Schoharie county February 6, 1814. He married Nancy Paris, who was born May 5, 1816. They had two sons and two daughters: Celia M., Hiram, Mary E., and Charles. Mrs. Ottman died October 1, 1856. Mr. Ottman still survives. Mrs. Wessel's grandfather, Christian Paris, was a soldier in the war of the revolution.

Somers, Melanethon, Root, was born in Sharon, Schoharie county April 10, 1856. His parents moved to the town of Seward when he was three years old, where he was educated in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he began to teach school which he did successfully for two years. After this he went to Michigan where he taught school one year. He then returned east and attended the Normal School at Albany. He then resumed teaching in the town of Seward, where he taught the largest school there, with marked success for three years. In 1878 he began the study of medicine with Dr. H. A. Myers of Garnersville. In the winter of 1880-81 he attended the Eclectic Medical College of the city of New York, and afterwards studied with Dr. Jacob Van Valkenburg of Sharon for one year. Afterwards he attended the U. S. Medical College of New York city, from which institution he graduated on March 8, 1882, and located at Flat Creek June 5, 1882, where he has since been successful in his chosen profession. December 23, 1886, he married Ida B., fourth daughter of Dr. James E. Sutphen of Seward Valley. They have one son, M. Sutphen, born January 21, 1889. Barna Somers, father of our subject, was born in Sharon, April 4, 1828; was a farmer and school teacher, and married Almira Zeb of the town of Seward. Of their eleven children, four died in infancy, and the others were: Charles H., Melanethon, Libbie, Seymour, Hattie A., Willis B., and Lillie M. His father died October 18, 1878, and his mother October 18, 1890. Dr. Somers is a Democrat in politics.

Snell, Enoch, St. Johnsville, one of the leading citizens of St. Johnsville, was born at Snell's Bush November 20, 1812, a son of Sefrenes and Eve (Frey) Snell, and grandson of Peter Snell, who parents came from Germany. Our subject's great-grandfather and three brothers received a patent from Queen Anne of 1700 acres, on which they located. His grandfather Snell was born in Palatine, and died at Snell's Bush aged seventy-four years. He was one of nine Snells who participated in the battle of Oriskany, but two of whom came out alive, Peter being one of them. His wife was Anna Kilts, and they had eight sons and three daughters, 109 grandchildren and 294 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Snell was born February 9, 1750, and died December 4, 1842. Our subject's father was born at Snell's Bush in 1790, and died in 1872, aged eighty-eight years. He served at Sackett's Harbor in the war of 1812, was supervisor and held several other town offices, and was a Whig and a Republican. His wife died in 1867, aged eighty. Their family comprised six sons and six daughters. They were members of the Reformed church. Enoch Snell was raised on the farm and educated at the common school. He taught one winter term in his home district. At the age of twenty-eight he bought a farm of 200 acres where he now resides, and on which he has built a fine residence. He has been justice of the peace and is a Republican. He married, October 19, 1837, Julia H., daughter of Jacob H. and Gertrude (Dockey)

Failing. They have eight children, six of whom reached maturity: Myron, Jacob S., Gertrude (deceased), Eve D., Helen (deceased), and Delia. They belong to the Dutch Reformed church.

Schmidt, Edward L., Amsterdam, was born in Newark, N. Y., October 10, 1856, and was brought to Amsterdam with his parents when a year old, where he was educated at the public schools. He then learned the moulder's trade, which he followed for twenty years. He has been junior member of the Perkins Foundry Co. for the past nine years. January 24, 1880, he married Luemma, oldest daughter of John B. and Jane A. Rivenburg of this city, and they had one daughter, Dora A., who died aged seven years. Mr. Schmidt's father, John M., was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country in 1840, where he married Elizabeth Sweire formerly of Alsace, France (now Germany), and their children were as follows: Gustavus F., Lena, Edward L., Amelia, and Mary L. Mrs. Schmidt's father was John B. Rivenburg, who was born in Schoharie county and came to Montgomery county when a young man, where he married Jane A. Ross of this county and has four children: David H., Luemma, Amy J., and Byron. The family is of German, French and Scotch extraction.

Ostrom, Daniel, Amsterdam, was born in Glenville January 30, 1845, was educated in the public schools, and was a farmer until he came to Amsterdam in the year 1870. In 1871 he went into the grocery business which he has continued since. He is also in company with T. H. Benton Crane, dealers in the best make of carriage manufactured, making a specialty of the Columbus Buggy Co.'s carriages, etc. Mr. Ostrom's father (Lansing) was born at Watervliet February 24, 1808, and married Abigail Carroll formerly of Massachusetts. They had thirteen children and nine grew to adult age. Mr. Ostrom is a member of Amsterdam Lodge No. 134 I. O. O. F. and of Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 209 A. O. U. W., also of J. D. Serviss Steamer Co. No. 1 of the Fire Department. The family is of Dutch descent.

Godwin, John D., Amsterdam, was born in Fonda October 26, 1848, was educated in the public schools and in early life was a painter. He came to Amsterdam in 1862, and was clerk for three years in a confectionery store. He was in one of the knitting mills for fifteen years as cutter, and two years as foreman, and was in the clothes-wringer factory with the late John Young & Sons seven years, and clerk in E. J. Lewis's shoe store three years. Has been in the grocery business about two years and is senior member of the firm of Godwin & Fite. He has been supervisor of the First Ward and is now alderman. He is a member of Amsterdam Lodge No. 134 I. O. O. F. also of Amsterdam Lodge No. 100 K. of P., also of Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 209 A. O. U. W. and of the Benefit Hose Co. No. 2 of the Fire Department. May 24, 1868, he married Cornelia C. Davis of this city, and they have two living children: Etta C., who married George Fite of this city; and Frances E., who married Frank Earle of this city. The family is of English, German and Welsh ancestry.

Cadman, Charles H., Amsterdam, was born in Providence, Saratoga county, July 8, 1841, was educated in the public school, and in early life was a farmer. Afterwards he learned the carpenter's trade, and has been a contractor and builder in Amsterdam about sixteen years. He has married twice, first about the year 1868, Hattie Shearman

of his native place, and they had two children, both sons, one of whom died in infancy, and Scott D., who was born August 7, 1874, and assists his father in the business. Mrs. Cadman died in 1875. In February, 1882, he married, second, Hattie Vedder, also of his native county, and they have a daughter, Mary A. Mr. Cadman's father, Henry, was a resident of that county, and married Catharine Clark. They had two children, Charles M. and Inez A. Mrs. Cadman's father, George Vedder, was born at Providence August 24, 1825, and married twice, his first wife being Angeline Blake, by whom he had two sons and a daughter: George S., who resides with his sister, Mrs. Cadman in this city; Angeline and Richard. For his second wife he married Eleanor S. Duell, by whom he had twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Cadman was the fourth daughter of this marriage. Mr. Cadman is a member of Amsterdam Lodge No. 134, I. O. O. F., and also a member of the American Mechanics Association.

Kibbie, George, Amsterdam, is the youngest of four children of Martin and Eleanor Kibbie. Martin Kibbie was born in Johnstown July 8, 1848. He married Eleanor, daughter of George Decker, formerly of Dutchess county, and had four children, three daughters and one son: Margaret, Caroline, Anna E. and George. Martin Kibbie was a farmer until he was fifty years old, and came to Amsterdam about twenty years ago. George is a photographer. Martin Kibbie's father, Judah, was born in Eufield, Conn., and came to Johnstown in this State when he was twenty-six years of age; he married twice, first in Connecticut, a Miss Pryor, and had four children: Thompson P., Fon Claire, James M., and Philo who died in infancy. His second wife was Catherine Leffler of Johnstown, by whom he had two children, Martin and John, who reside in Johnstown. The ancestry is of English and German extraction.

Englehardt, Frederick, St. Johnsville, was born in Mecklenberg, Germany, June 15, 1855, and is a son of Lewis and Caroline (Luck) Englehardt, who came to this country in September, 1863, where he followed his trade of shoemaker. He reared one son and four daughters. The son received his education in the schools at New York city, and at the age of eleven years began to learn the trade of cabinet maker. In 1873 he went West and served four years in the Second U. S. Cavalry, assisting in protecting the Northern Pacific railroad in its construction. In the fall of 1877 he began working at piano-making, and in 1882 engaged with Steinway & Sons. In January, 1890, he established himself with A. P. Roth in the piano business in New York, and in April of that year was burned out, and then came to St. Johnsville, where he now carries on a business requiring 150 operatives, in which he is general manager. He is an active Mason and member of the K. of P. He married in February, 1881, Selma Dolge, daughter of August Dolge, and they have four children. Alfred, Martha, Walter and Selma. They are members of the Lutheran church.

Easterbrook, William P., St. Johnsville, was born in St. Johnsville October 20, 1829 and is a son of Elisha and Laura (Pardee) Easterbrook. The grandfather, Robert, was born in Vermont and came to St. Johnsville prior to the war of 1812. He died in Allegheny county. His son, Elisha, was born August 11, 1805. He carried on brick-making at St. Johnsville and East Creek. He died August 2, 1868. His wife was born August 3, 1809, in St. Johnsville, and was a daughter of Samuel A. Pardee, who died

December 26, 1859, aged eighty-seven years. They had one child, William P., our subject, who received a district school education and worked in his father's store fifteen years. At the age of twenty-five he began business for himself at East Creek, and in 1855 located in St. Johnsville. Two years later he and his father engaged in the brick business until 1885, when he retired. He married Mariah J., daughter of John P. Cline, and his wife died September 30, 1863, leaving no children. He is a Republican in politics.

Folmsbee, Hartley, St. Johnsville, was born in South Valley, Otsego county, July 1, 1857, and is a son of John and Mahala (Daly) Folmsbee. He received a common school education, supplemented by a course at the Academy. At the age of sixteen he began working for himself, and at the end of four years he took his earnings and bought land for speculation in Nebraska. In the spring of 1884 he came to St. Johnsville and engaged in the foundry business with William Fonda, and since 1887 has had entire control. He employs seven men and ships to all parts of the country. He is a Republican in politics. He married, February 6, 1884, Kate D., daughter of William and Eva A. (Silvernail) Fonda, by whom he has had two children, Louis W. and Leon M. The grandfather, John (whose father, John, came from Holland), lived and died in Otsego county. He reared two sons, John and Thomas, and ten daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Our subject's father was born in Otsego county in 1822 and died in 1873. He was a Republican. His wife survives him at the age of sixty-one years. They had ten children: Dempster, who was killed in Sand Bank; Malissa, deceased; Dexter, Roseltha, Elizabeth, deceased, who left one child; Myron, Hartley, Herman, Elthera, who died aged twenty-one, and Arthur.

Markell, Jacob H., St. Johnsville, son of Nancy and Henry (Keeler) Markell, was born in St. Johnsville February 27, 1822, and received a common school and academic education. After his father's death he took charge of the home farm, and at the age of thirty went to Brockport, and entered the Brockport Exchange Bank as teller, remaining six years. He was cashier four years. In 1859 he returned to his native town, and in 1860 entered the First National Bank there as assistant cashier until 1890, when he was made cashier. He has served as supervisor on the Democratic ticket. April 15, 1857, he married Catharine, daughter of Peter P. and Lana (Nellis) Fox. She died May 10, 1892. They had no children. Mr. Markell is a Mason, and one of the organizers of the lodge in St. Johnsville. The grandfather, Jacob (son of Jacob who came from Germany and settled in Stone Arabia), served in the revolutionary war and died in Herkimer county about 1860. He served one term in congress about the year 1816. By his wife, Elizabeth Snell, he had seven children, of whom the sons were, Henry, John, and George. Henry, who was the father of Jacob H., was born in Stone Arabia and moved with his parents to Herkimer county. About 1820 they removed to St. Johnsville, where he practiced law. In 1824 he was elected to congress, where he served two terms. He died in 1839, aged thirty-nine. His four children were Jacob H., Peter K., who died aged twenty-seven; Elizabeth, and Henry.

Jenks, Henry G., St. Johnsville, was born in Ephratah July 22, 1849, a son of Rufus and Anna (Graves) Jenks. He received a common school education, and at the

age of twenty-one began business for himself in the paper business, with his father. In 1878 he moved on the farm where he at present resides, consisting of 156 acres. He married July 10, 1870, Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Snell) Mosher, and they have three children: Charles, Frank, and Hattie. The father of Henry G. was born in Providence, R. I., in 1810, a scythe maker by trade. He afterwards engaged in the paper business, which he followed for twenty-five years. After the war he came to St. Johnsville, where he built and operated an axe factory, employing about ten or twelve laborers. About 1872 he removed to Gravesville, where he and his wife now reside. They had six children: Sophia, who died and left one son; Josephine, George, Anna, Henry C., and Mary, who died in infancy.

Storms, Emory G., St. Johnsville, was born where he now resides, March 10, 1833, a son of John and Catharine C. (Northrup) Storms. His grandfather was John Storms, who was born in Dutchess county and settled on the 100 acres now occupied by the subject of this sketch. His wife was Sarah Bartlett, and they had three children: Henry, John, and Elizabeth. John Storms was born in April, 1812, and is now living in St. Johnsville. He was a Democrat up to 1848, when he became a Whig, and is now a Republican. His wife died in February, 1885, leaving four children: Emory G., Sarah M., Daniel J., and Elmina J. Emory was raised on a farm and educated at the common school and Fairfield Academy. He taught school one term and then taught music in Dickinson Seminary in Pennsylvania. He has since been engaged in farming and the sale of musical instruments of all kinds. He and his wife own the homestead and eighty-five acres in Fulton county, and also own property in St. Johnsville. He has been a contributor to the Utica and Amsterdam newspapers. He was appointed postmaster at Cram Creek, under Buchanan, and held the office until 1891. He is a Republican. He married, July 4, 1855, daughter of Nicholas N. and Effa (Wire) Shaffer, and they have three children: Frances Adelaide, Mary E. Smith, and Emma J. Our subject and wife are members of the M. E. church.

Richards, Warren N., St. Johnsville, was born at Ingham's Mills August 21, 1839, a son of Rev. William I. and Margaret (Snell) Richards. His father was a M. E. minister, and a member of Black River Conference, afterwards transferred to Genesee Conference. This preacher was the father of six children: Theodore, Huldah Ann (Scott); Warren N.; Lieutenant Duane, an Andersonville prisoner; Mary (Reece); and Julia (Peet), who was afterwards married to Lewis Files. Warren N. settled in St. Johnsville in 1850, and followed farming for six years. In 1865 he began railroading as fireman and engineer, which occupation he followed until 1885, when he engaged in the flour and feed business until 1890; he then entered the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. Company, where he remained until January, 1892, when he engaged with the Mohawk Condensed Milk Company. He married, March 29, 1860, Christina, daughter of Edwin and Maria M. (Klock) Snell, who were parents of six children: Christina (Richards); Maria (Finehart), deceased; Calista (Loomer); Joseph G.; Eugene E.; and Jacob, deceased. Warren and wife are connected with the M. E. church, in which he has been class leader, steward and chorister. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Royal Arcanum. They have three daughters: Lillie L., wife of

John Klock; Cora E., wife of Reuben B. Porter; and Maria M. Sisum. Lillie and Maria are members of the M. E. church, and Cora of the Reformed church. Mrs. Richards's mother is the daughter of Joseph G. and Christina (Baret) Klock, and he was a son of George G., whose father was Henry Klock, who was one of three brothers who came from Germany and settled in the Mohawk Valley in 1708.

Chawgo, Jacob, deceased, was a son of Mary (Flanders) Chawgo. His grandfather was Jacob, a Frenchman, who settled in Oneida county and moved thence to Otsego county; in 1831 he came to upper St. Johnsville, and occupied a large tract of land where he died. His wife was Mary Herring, who bore him two sons and four daughters. Our subject's father was born in Onondaga county and came to St. Johnsville in 1831, where he died. He had a family of two sons and three daughters. Our subject was born in Springfield, Otsego county, May 3, 1824, and died March 12, 1891. He was an active member of the Reformed church choir for thirty-five years. He filled several town offices. He was a jeweler by trade, and owned the homestead of two hundred acres. He married June 18, 1877, Louisa A., adopted daughter of Henry and Betsey (Parker) Vedder. Louisa's parents were Benjamin and Louisa (Velder) Carpenter. Henry Vedder was born in Oppenheim, was a Democrat up to 1860 when he became a Republican, and was a Lutheran. He raised a family of three sons and four daughters. He moved to upper St. Johnsville in 1865, where he died April 6, 1881, aged eighty-two; his widow died in December, 1890, in her ninety-third year; she was born in Ireland, and her parents were George and Katie (Parker) Parker. Jacob Chawgo and wife had two children: Jay and May (deceased). Mrs. Chawgo has erected a fine residence in St. Johnsville, where she has lived since 1892.

Failing, Daniel, St. Johnsville, was born February 28, 1825, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Yonker) Failing. His grandfather was Jacob Failing, who was born in St. Johnsville about 1760; he was a soldier in the revolutionary army and was at the battle of Oriskany; his wife was Mary Cox, who bore him five sons and one daughter. Nicholas Failing was born near St. Johnsville, but moved to Oppenheim where he died. He had seven children—three sons and four daughters—of whom our subject is the only one living. Daniel Failing received a common school education, and began when twenty-one as a farmer on a hundred acres in Fulton county. In 1879 he sold out and moved to St. Johnsville village. In 1881 he bought 220 acres in the northwest part of St. Johnsville. He has served as supervisor. He married, December 15, 1847, Eliza, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Bacon; they have had four children: George B., Dell, Charles (deceased) and Hattie, who died at the age of thirteen.

Snell, Edwin S., St. Johnsville, was born in Oppenheim, October 27, 1844, son of Bernard and Emeline (Bartlett) Snell. His grandfather was Adam, who was born at Snell's Bush, where he lived and died; his wife Elizabeth bore him ten children. Our subject's father was born at Snell's Bush in 1802; after his marriage he moved to Fulton county where he resided until 1856, when he went to Little Falls for a short time, returning to Fulton county; in 1866 he moved to St. Johnsville and died there in 1871; his wife died in 1865; they had three children: Morena (de-

ceased). Morgan and Edwin S. The latter was raised on a farm and was educated at the district school. At twelve years of age he worked for \$4 a month and at twenty-one began for himself on his father's farm. In 1870 he purchased 150 acres of land. He married February 22, 1865, Almeda, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Vassler) Waters of St. Johnsville. They have two children: Emma, wife of Clark Markell, and Norman. Mrs. Snell is a member of the M. E. church.

Walrath, Martin, St. Johnsville, was born two miles north of St. Johnsville, February 13, 1845, a son of Martin and Julia (Flanders) Walrath. His grandfather was Adam, born in St. Johnsville, where he lived until his death at the age of eighty-four. Martin senior was born in 1814 in St. Johnsville, where he spent his life, dying in 1885; his wife survives him, aged seventy-one. Our subject was raised on a farm and educated at the district school. He taught school two terms; at twenty-two he began clerking in Fort Plain, and was also in the timber business. He was for four years superintendent of the St. Johnsville Agricultural Works. In 1881 he started a milk condenser, which he sold out in 1885; he was postmaster from 1886 to 1891, and in 1883 was elected to the assembly. He married, June 13, 1877, Celestia E., daughter of Dr. Leonard G. and Elizabeth B. (Brown) Haskins. They have two children: Leonard G. and Elizabeth May. Mr. Walrath is a Mason and Knight Templar.

Don, William E., St. Johnsville, was born July 20, 1862, son of Alex. and Susan (Edwards) Don. His grandfather was William Don, who lived in Amsterdam, and died June 9, 1839. Our subject's father was born in Amsterdam, married October 30, 1860, Susan, daughter of John Y. and Mary (Cook) Edwards, and died January 23, 1870. William E. Don married, February 11, 1885, Katie, daughter of Amos and Nancy (Lipe) Klock. They have three children: Mollie, Frank and Alexander. He operates his mother's farm.

Butler, William James, St. Johnsville, a son of Jabez and Saline (Hartwell) Butler, was born at Rome. His father was a miller by trade, and came to St. Johnsville. He married February 4, 1862, Catharine, daughter of George A. and Mary (Flanders) Chawgo. Jacob Chawgo was born, it is supposed, in Montgomery county. His father came from France. Jacob was a mechanic, and worked as blacksmith and millwright. He moved to Otsego and came thence to St. Johnsville, and with his son, George E., purchased two hundred acres of land west of the village. He died there at the age of seventy-four. His wife was Catherine Herring, who died aged eighty-five years. They had seven children: Eve, George E., Mary, Margaret, Catherine, Nancy and John, who all lived to maturity and raised families. Mrs. Catherine (Herring) Chawgo was born at Stone Arabia. Her father was a pioneer, and with two sisters, was taken prisoner by the Indians during the revolution. The women were released, but he was carried to Canada and held for two years. George E. Chawgo was born in Oppenheim, September 4, 1790; his wife was born February 23, 1792. He died at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife at the same age. Their children were: Louisa, Jacob, Abner, Catherine and Harriet; all married and raised families. Mrs. Butler is the only one now living. Subject and his wife are the parents of three children: Martha, Mary and George C., all members of the Reformed church.'

Handy, Ervin A., St. Johnsville, was born June 26, 1862, in Oppenheim, a son of David and Sarah E. (Walrath) Handy, and grandson of David, who came from Massachusetts and settled in Oppenheim. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife was a Miss Baum by whom he had four sons and one daughter. Our subject's father was born in Oppenheim, and worked at his trade of blacksmith in St. Johnsville, where he came when a boy. He enlisted in Company G, One Hundred Fifteenth New York Volunteers in the fall of 1862, and was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, and was discharged for disability. Returning to St. Johnsville he engaged in farming and the hotel business. He was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace. He died February 18, 1890, aged sixty-three years. His wife survives. They had two children, Rosetta Cramse, and our subject. Ervin A. Handy at the age of fifteen entered a drug store as clerk, which occupation he followed for twelve years; in 1890-92 he was clerk in the freight office, and at the latter date formed a partnership with Charles Whyland, in the drug and hardware business. He has served in town offices, and is a Mason and chief of the fire department. He married, June 10, 1885, Ella G., daughter of Oliver and Ann (Ketchum) Snell; they have one child, George Raymond. They are members of the Reformed church.

Pitcher, George O., St. Johnsville, was born in Cooperstown, November 18, 1842, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Townsend) Pitcher, and grandson of Truman Pitcher, who was born in Connecticut, coming thence to Washington county, and afterwards, in 1816, to Cooperstown. John A. Pitcher was born in Washington county April 1, 1812, received a common school education, read law with Burdick & Griffen, and was a mason by trade. In 1850 he located at Van Hornsville. He died July 8, 1890, and his wife in the fall of 1891, aged sixty-eight. They raised two children, George O. and Mary Kershaw. George O. attended the common school, and at the age of fifteen began work on a farm, and at eighteen in a machine shop, where he continued until 1862, when he began clerking in a grocery store in Van Hornsville, where he was engaged two years. Until 1871 he was in the hotel business in Van Hornsville and Starkville; and at the latter date he went to Otsego and ran a hotel, whence he came to St. Johnsville in 1875, and bought and ran the Empire House for fourteen years, but now rents his property. He is a stockholder in the piano factory, and has built a fine residence. He belongs to the Masonic order and the A. O. U. W. He married, first, Emily, daughter of Jacob Blunt, and had two children. His wife died July 6, 1867, and he married Elizabeth A. Cramer. His son, Deo A., died at the age of twenty-four. He was educated in the High school and at Worcester; he was a Mason, and was in the Guarantee Mutual office in New York and the mail service, and was a talented young man.

Klock, Zebina R., St. Johnsville, was born in St. Johnsville, June 12, 1846, and is a son of Nehemiah and Almira (Shall) Klock, and grandson of John Klock, who was born in St. Johnsville, and married Gertrude Timmerman, who bore him eight children. He was in the war of 1812, and had a farm on East creek. He died at the age of eighty-six, and his wife at seventy-eight. The father of our subject was born in St. Johnsville

and was killed by the kick of a horse in 1850, when he was twenty-six years of age. He had three children, Z. R., Calvin E. and Nehemiah R. His widow married John J. Wagoner. Zebina R. Klock was raised in Danube, to which place his father moved in the spring of 1846. He attended the district school until he was fifteen, when he went to work by the month. At twenty he worked a farm for a year, and then spent a year at railroading, after which he began the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. In 1881 he came to St. Johnsville and bought a saw-mill and spoke factory; also ran a feed mill. He is a member of the I. O. H. and Order of Ægis. He has been twice married; first to Maria, daughter of Horatio and Elizabeth (Timmerman) Freeman, who bore him three children: Frank B., Horatio and Lena (deceased). His wife died August 14, 1875, and he married, second, Gertrude, daughter of John B. and Eliza (Klock) Robinson, by whom he has had two children, Lewis M. and Helen E. He and wife are members of the Baptist church. He has an interest in a farm of 100 acres, also runs a general store.

Smith, Jonas S., St. Johnsville, was born in St. Johnsville August 28, 1855, and is a son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Snell) Smith, and a grandson of Frederick Smith who was born in Ephratah, was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and married Elizabeth Cool, by whom he had six boys and two girls. He died at the age of fifty-three. Our subject's father was born in Oppenheim December 25, 1820, was a railroad man, and held town offices. For the past twelve years he has lived a retired life. His wife was a daughter of Jacob Snell; she was the mother of eight children and died in 1859. Jonas S. Smith was raised on a farm, and at nineteen began life for himself at clerking, which he followed for six years, when he engaged in the piano and organ business. In the spring of 1885 he bought and operated a brick yard. He is a Democrat. February 25, 1885, he married Jennie, daughter of Martin and Hattie M. (Burch) Williams who died in October of the same year.

Flanders, Martin, St. Johnsville, was born in St. Johnsville June 9, 1828, and is a son of Christopher and Mary (Hearing) Flanders, and a grandson of Jacob, whose father was Jacob, an emigrant from Holland. Our subject's grandfather was born in St. Johnsville, was a farmer, and a member of the Dutch Reformed church. His wife was Catharine Fox, by whom he had five children: Christopher, Benjamin, Jacob, Mary and Margaret. Christopher Flanders was born April 8, 1808, in St. Johnsville; he was a farmer, a Democrat, and held town offices. His children were: Martin, Reuben, Nancy, Catharine, Mary James and Ezra, all married. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church. His death occurred in 1883, and that of his wife in 1889. Martin Flanders married in June, 1852, Esther, daughter of Jacob J. and Catharine (Shaffer) Klock, by whom he had seven children, as follows: Albert, Emily, wife of Milford Shaffer; Mary, wife of Dan D. Walrath; Julia, wife of Frank Moyer; Carrie, deceased; Helen, wife of Fred Gering; and Ruie. He owns a farm of fifty acres, and has worked at the carpenter's trade all his life. In 1883 he moved to St. Johnsville, where he erected a residence in which he has since lived. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Dutch Reformed church.

Sutherland, Henry L., St. Johnsville, was born in Canajoharie October 4, 1850, a son of Lewis and Margaret (Fresch) Sutherland, and grandson of Frederick Sutherland,

who came from Germany and settled in Canajoharie. He moved to Oswego, Ill., where he and his wife died. The father of our subject was born in Germany January 20, 1816. His wife was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, June 7, 1825, and came here with her parents, Andrew and Mary Fresch. He was a cooper. In the spring of 1858 he located in St. Johnsville, where he still lives. They are the parents of six children: Clark E., Edward W., H. L., Charles, Fred, and Minnie. Clark served in the Sixteenth Heavy Artillery; Edward served in the 115th New York Volunteers, and is now in Chicago. Henry L., in 1875, began as a job printer, which business he followed for two years, and then went to Chicago, and worked for the Bell Telephone Company, then with A. V. Hartwell & Company, as book-keeper for one year. In 1882 he returned to St. Johnsville and engaged in the insurance and real estate business with M. Wal-rath until 1886, since which date he has been alone. He is a Republican and has served as collector four terms.

Bauder, John M., Root, father of Mrs. Angelica Spencer, was born at Yatesville May 29, 1795. He was a farmer, and October 31, 1814, married Magdalen Doxtator of his native county, and they had four children: John, Dorcas, Angelica, and Malachi (who died aged about four). Angelica was born at the old homestead, and married Albert Spencer of Flat Creek September 9, 1852. They had one son, Malachi, who was born June 2, 1854. He was educated in the common schools, and was a merchant and farmer. He married Kattie L. Van Schaick of this place, and they have two children, Emmett L. and James A. Mrs. Spencer's grandfather, John Doxtator, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Her paternal grandfather, John Bauder, was one of the first settlers near Yatesville. Her brother's son, Isaac Bauder, was a soldier in the late war. Mr. Spencer died September 12, 1883.

Sammons, Colonel Simeon, Mohawk, son of Thomas, was born in the town of Mohawk May 23, 1811. He was educated at Johnstown, and was bred on the old home-stead farm. The family has been identified with the history of the Mohawk valley for more than a century, and Sampson Sammons, the colonel's grandfather, had charge of Johnson Hall under the Tryon county committee, during the revolution. Thomas Sammons, the colonel's father, was elected to congress for two terms and the family has held other positions of prominence. Colonel Sammons always had a military taste and in early life held a commission in the militia. When the rebellion broke out he raised the 115th New York Regiment, of which he was colonel. The services of this regiment are detailed in the chapter on the military history of the county. Colonel Sammons fought at Olustee and at Petersburg, and was twice wounded. He held the office of supervisor several terms. He married Barbara Gross, daughter of Henry Gross, and they have had four children: Mary C., Henry G., Lydia, wife of Isaac H. Fonda, station agent at Fonda; and Jane Emma. Colonel Sammons was member of assembly one term, and was also harbor master for the port of New York. He died in March, 1881, and his widow resides on the homestead.

Vunk, John H., Root, father of Frank, was born in Charleston (now Glen) December 26, 1815. He was educated in the public schools of that day, and was a farmer. November 14, 1839, he married Alice, fifth daughter of Ephraim and Abigail (Kenyon)

Birch of Charleston. They had three daughters and a son: Rosellen, who married Robert Cross of Cobleskill, Schoharie county, N. Y.; Emma V., who married Allen Borden of the town of Glen; Anna V., who married Bentley Johnson of Amsterdam; and Frank, who was born in the town of Charleston. The latter was educated in the public school. He also is a farmer. June 26, 1884, he married Olive, oldest daughter of Joseph and Lucy Ann (Humphrey) Bell of Charleston. Henry, grandfather of Frank Vunk, was born in Monmouth, N. J., January 31, 1792, and came with his parents to this county when an infant. He married Elizabeth Reese, and they had fourteen children. His great-grandfather, Henry, was in the war of the revolution, was taken prisoner in the battle of Monmouth. In the family of Ephraim and Abigail Birch there were twelve children. John H. Vunk had two uncles in the war of 1812, Barnes and William. Joseph Bell, father of Mrs. Vunk, resides on his farm of 121 acres in the town of Charleston, where he was born March 9, 1814. He married Lucy Ann Humphrey February 8, 1844, of the same town, she was born April 21, 1819. They had these children: Olive, born December 23, 1848, married Frank Vunk; Isaac P., born September 2, 1851; John H., born November 8, 1853; Mary Ette, born March 12, 1856, married Hiram Eaton March 1, 1885; Charles J., born July 11, 1858, married Ette Montanye March 2, 1884. Peter, father of Joseph Bell, and grandfather of Mrs. Vunk, married Mary, daughter of Abram Lott, and had eight children. Peter was born at Half Moon, Saratoga county. James Humphrey, father of Lucy Ann, and maternal grandfather of Mrs. Vunk, was born January 13, 1776, in Duaneburg, and married Mrs. Lucy Burton, whose maiden name was Brown. She was born February 27, 1782, in Connecticut.

Eaverson, Adam, Palatine, was born in Mohawk December 11, 1843, a son of Hiram (born December 24, 1823) and Caroline Vroman (born May 26, 1829, died April 4, 1876,) Eaverson. They had a family of four sons and seven daughters. Adam Eaverson was raised on a farm and attended the common school. He followed clerking for several years, afterwards engaging in mercantile business at Argusville; later he bought and conducted for five years a hotel at Randall. In 1890 he came to Nelliston and engaged in mercantile business which he has since followed. He is deputy postmaster there. Mr. Eaverson married, December 20, 1876, Isabella, daughter of David (born May 30, 1811) and Nancy Ford (born January 4, 1816, died February 13, 1877) Kretser. Their children are as follows, namely: Nellie, born September 5, 1877; Frank, born April 23, 1880; Wannetta, born August 9, 1891.

Sherwood, John B., Amsterdam, Rockton p. o., was born in Williamstown, Mass., October 27, 1838, a son of Daniel and Lucy (Green) Sherwood. Jonathan Sherwood, grandfather of the subject of our sketch, came from Connecticut to Massachusetts early in 1700. Daniel A., father of our subject was born in Massachusetts December 10, 1805, and came to Fulton county in 1851. His death occurred April 17, 1883, leaving a wife and three children: Carrie Veeder of Fulton, born June 2, 1845; Lucy Blauvelt of Rockland county, born January 16, 1847, and John B. When he was eleven years old his parents moved to Fulton county. He attended school at Fairfield Academy, and received a good business education. After graduating, for a few years he taught school

in Fulton county and assisted his father on the farm. December 22, 1866, he married Helena Shaffer, daughter of Nicholas M. and Effie (Wier) Shaffer of Fulton county. Their union has been blessed with two children: Blanche, born July 17, 1874; and Mabel, born January 11, 1876. John B. came to this town in 1872 and bought the farm of 105 acres called the Dingman farm, where he lived until 1884, then moving into Amsterdam city where he had previously built a fine and commodious residence.

Nellis, Peter F., St. Johnsville, son of David and Catherine (Fox) Nellis, was born August 19, 1831, in Palatine. He received his education at the district schools, and while young left home and went to Charleston, S. C., where he engaged as clerk in a store. In 1851 he returned to St. Johnsville where he has lived ever since. He owns three farms, comprising 500 acres, and engages largely in dairying. He is a Mason and has served as supervisor seven years. He is a Democrat. In May, 1861, he married Anna M., daughter of Peter P. and Lena (Nellis) Fox, and they have two children, Lena and Catherine M. His wife died in July, 1890. The grandfather, John I. Nellis, (whose great-grandfather Nellis came from Germany and settled in Columbia county in 1709) was born in Palatine in 1770, at the time the stone church was built. He served on the Democratic ticket in several town offices, and married a Miss Weaver, by whom he had six children: John, David, Dewitt, Simeon, Nancy, and Lena. He died in 1854. The father of Peter F. was born in Palatine in 1800, and died in Fultonville in 1860. He was twice married, and his children by his first wife were Maria, Edward, Peter F., and Alfred. He married, second, a Mrs. Ostrom, by whom he had no children. The mother of Peter F. was a daughter of Peter Fox, a revolutionary soldier, as was his father before him. John Nellis, an uncle of the subject, was a prominent attorney, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1846. The Nellises were the main contributors for erection of the Palatine stone church which was completed in 1770.

Hillegas, David, St. Johnsville, was born where he now resides, June 18, 1808, and is a son of Conrad and Sophia (Klock) Hillegas. His grandfather Hillegas came from Germany and settled in the west part of the town, where he died. During the revolution he was captured by the Indians while acting as scout, and taken to Canada, whence he escaped after some months, and returned home in mid-winter. He was a tailor, and was twice married. By his first wife he had one son and three daughters, and by his second, three sons and two daughters. The father of our subject was the only son of his mother, and was born at St. Johnsville in June, 1761, and died in February 1847. He was a tailor in early life, and afterwards followed farming. He was a captain of militia, a Whig, and an active member of the Dutch Reformed church. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Timmerman, by whom he had four children: Adam, Jacob and two daughters. Our subject's mother, the second wife, had four children: Eve, Nancy, David and Lucinda. She died in October, 1846. David Hillegas has always lived on the homestead, to which he has added until he owns 350 acres. He is a Democrat, and has been assessor. He married Sally A., daughter of James and Jerusha (Blood) Curran, and had the following children: James of Michigan; Mary, wife of Tom Underhill of Dakota; Eliza, deceased wife of Alfred Nellis; George; Milcena, widow of Harlan Walrath; Alfred of Chicago; Mulford, deceased;

Elizabeth, wife of Burdett Lefler of Dakota, Emma, wife of Horace Hyde; and Charles.

Kneeskern, John H., St. Johnsville, was born in Minden December 25, 1834, and is a son of John and Lylinda (Zoller) Kneeskern, and grandson of John, whose father was John, an immigrant from Holland. Our subject's grandfather was born in Schoharie county. After the revolution he settled on thirty acres opposite Upper St. Johnsville, in Minden, where he died in 1823. His wife was Catharine Davy, who bore him four children: Peter, John, Catharine and Mary. She died April 21, 1853. Our subject's father was born in Minden September 10, 1808, and died November 23, 1890; his wife died October 8, 1890. They had four sons: John H., Lester, deceased; Peter I. of Amsterdam, and James K. of Frankfort. They were Universalists. Our subject was raised on a farm and educated at the common schools. At seventeen he began the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. In 1855 he located at St. Johnsville, where he resided until April, 1865, when he moved to his present location and bought the water privilege and converted the tannery to a sash, blind and planing mill, to which he now devotes his entire time. He owns the homestead left by his father. He is a Mason and Knight Templar. He married, August 26, 1857, Jane A., daughter of John and Gerty E. (McNeal) Van Antwerp. They have had three children, two of whom survive: Lester and Alvin. His wife died January 2, 1865, and he married, second, Jane A., daughter of Jeremiah and Sallie (Petrie) March. Our subject's grandmother Davy was a daughter of Captain Davis of revolutionary fame, who received a death wound at Oriskany. She was held a prisoner by the Indians and Tories for ten months during the revolution.

Schenck Family, The.—They are of Holland origin and trace their ancestry back to the year 878, which is the branch of the family known as Van Nydeck and VanTauenberg. A large folio volume pertaining to the Schenck family history in this country and in the Netherlands, handsomely bound in red morocco, and with gold clasps, was many years ago received in this country by the Rev. G. C. Schenck of New Jersey, who was the author of the appendix accompanying it. The author of the book was a Colonel Vander Dussen, who is an officer in the Netherlands army, and also principal editor of a genealogical periodical published at the Hague. The contents of this work has been gathered after much research and from the most authentic sources. It is embellished with the coats-of-arms and colored escutcheons of allied families, and also drawings of seals used by some of the family as early as 1271. The book also contains a likeness of the author, and one of General Martin Schenck of the Netherlands army, from whose brother Peter a large number of the name in this country is descended. The book has also pictures of four old castles in which the families resided in feudal times, and were then "cup bearers" to the king, a position held in those days by nobility only. General Martin Schenck whom we have mentioned, met his death in an heroic naval encounter with the enemy, whose fleet outnumbered his own, and the vessel which contained the General was overpowered and was sunken with all on board. The vessel was afterward raised by the enemy, and the body of General Schenck, who was the commander, was taken and was drawn and quartered, and each of the four

quarters of his body were hung up in as many places about the nearest town, fastened by iron chains, which chains are still on exhibition at a place in Holland called Nymwegen and were seen by some members of the present Schenck family a few years since at Nymwegen, where his name is cherished as elsewhere in Holland. His brother Peter came to this country in the year 1650, and settled in Long Island, from which place various branches of the family emanated, many settling in New Jersey where several families are still to be found, and especially in Monmouth county, where the great-great-grandfather of the writer of this sketch was born, and married to Miss Mary Winters, and they lived in New Jersey all their lives. Their son, Ralph, the great-grandfather of the present family, was born in the town of Amwell, N. J., in 1740, and married Ann Taylor, a first cousin of General Zachary Taylor, our twelfth President, the 15th of October, 1774, and four of their children were born there, including William, the grandfather of this family, who was born May 13, 1777; the other three were Rebecca, Mary and Ann. They then moved to the town of Johnstown, New York, and there Edward Taylor, Eleanor, Alida, Catharine, Margaret and Sarah were born. Ralph Schenck was one of the old pioneers of that then wild, undeveloped region, where he performed his part well in the advancement of civilization and in the cause of human freedom. When the clouds of war and revolution burst over the land Mr. Schenck enlisted in the cause of our young, struggling republic, and shouldering his musket marched boldly to the field of strife. He fought with heroic valor in the fierce battles of Monmouth and Cowpens, and was highly commended by his superior officers for his bravery on the field. In those dark days which tried men's souls his courage never flagged in the cause of freedom, but with his face to the foe on many a hotly contested battle-field, he strove manfully to maintain the honor of our flag, and the independence of our country. And to-day his name is still honored as one of the true and brave men of the revolution. On every returning Decoration Day his grave at Johnstown, where he died, is decorated for his bravery as a revolutionary soldier, with the graves of those noble men who in recent times fell while fighting for the imperilled Union. He held the rank of first lieutenant, and died September 5, 1836. His son William, of whom we have spoken, lived with his father until he married his first wife, Sarah Wood, June 17, 1798, and lived for a few years on a farm about two miles south of Little Falls, from which place he moved to Sammonsville, where his wife died, May 14, 1803, leaving two children, Ralph and Lydia. He married his second wife, Rachel Sammons, at Sammonsville, March 17, 1805, by whom he had seven sons and four daughters, namely: Benjamin, William, Richard, John, Edward Taylor, Jacob, Garret, Ann, Sarah, Rebecca and Rachael. After his second marriage William Schenck began life on a farm at Sammonsville, and from that place moved on a large tract of land of several hundred acres purchased from John Dewandler who had bought the property from Major Jellis Fonda of well known revolutionary fame, who had here a store and a mill, as well as a grand brick house which was burned in John Johnson's raid. After William Schenck obtained possession of the property, he carried on an extensive milling business, consisting of a grist mill, saw mill, fulling mill, plaster mill and cider mill, also a blacksmith shop and cooper shop. He was well sustained in his extensive business by his sons, and especially by his son Benjamin, who even when a

mere boy in his teens had charge of the large farms and milling business entirely in his father's absence, and often had sixty men employed at a time. They had at that time a splendid water power from the then durable creek, known as Kanagara, and a large, valuable spring, known as "the cold spring at Schenck's," a famous picnic ground. The produce from the farms and milling business was taken across the Mohawk river at the place by the use of a rope ferry, and loaded on canal boats, as the present railroad system was unknown at that time. More than sixty years ago William Schenck built a large and substantial brick house, which is still standing, near the site where the house of Major Jellis Fonda was burned by the Indians in the revolutionary war. A well, sixty feet deep, made by Fonda, is still in one of the yards, and there are still standing many apple trees set out by him at least 150 years ago. Besides being a place of revolutionary note it is a place of great natural beauty, and has on it beautiful woodland and fifteen springs of excellent water, which makes it a well-watered farm. Some of the springs are in such beautiful places that they are well worthy of notice. Rachel Sammons, the second wife of William Schenck, died on the place October 31, 1840, and about two years after William Schenck deeded the property to his son Benjamin, the father of the present family on the place, and went to Wisconsin, where he died at Beloit July 16, 1852, after marrying his third wife, Jane McKnight. Benjamin Schenck was born March 21, 1806, and received his education in the common schools; he lived with his father until his father moved to Wisconsin. He married, December 30, 1840, Susan Martin, who was born at Fultonville, May 22, 1818. After her marriage she came to live in the family residence built by William Schenck, in which she remained until the day of her death, which occurred January 29, 1892, and in which also the nine children of Benjamin and Susan Schenck were born, whose names are: William Henry, Anna, Catharine, Margaret, Frances, Rachael, Benjamin, Edward Taylor and Elizabeth Haslett. Mrs. Susan Schenck was also of Holland Dutch origin and a direct descendant of the well known Staats and General Philip Schuyler family of revolutionary fame, and was a woman whose generosity was proverbial; the poor people who lived in her neighborhood had reason to call her blessed. When Benjamin Schenck became the possessor of his father's property he took it with many encumbrances, but by prudence and industry he kept and improved it, and at the time of his death, which occurred August 11, 1873, he had planted many beautiful trees and had built more than twenty miles of stone wall upon it. He always stood by his word and signature, and notwithstanding the fact that he had lost several thousand dollars by endorsing, he thought men honest, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand in the same way. He always followed farming, stock-raising, lumbering and milling. He was a life-long Republican and himself and wife were members of the Reformed church at Canajoharie, and he kept besides at the time of his death a seat in each of the Reformed churches at Sprakers and Stone Arabia. He was also a director in the Canajoharie National Bank. In his lifetime he manfully battled many financial obstacles, and died leaving an untarnished reputation to his children, six of whom are still living, William Henry, Frances and Benjamin, jr., preceding their parents to the grave. Anna, Edward Taylor and Rachael are still living on the estate inherited from their father. Catharine married George A.

Nellis of Fonda, and is now at Bellows Falls, Vt., with her husband and only child, a daughter named Bertelle Schenck. Elizabeth H. married Oliver Winchester Dye of New Haven, Conn., and they are now living at Denver, Col. Martin married Adelle Van Evera of Sprakers, and has a son and a daughter named Gilbert and Susan Elizabeth. They are living at Albany, where he has his office as state engineer and surveyor of New York State. The record formerly belonging to Major Jellis Fonda is now in possession of Edward T. Schenck, one of his lineal descendants.

Hewitt, Margaret.—The late Nias Hewitt was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 10, 1842, and came with his parents here when a child. He was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam. He was brought up on a farm and became one of Amsterdam and Rockton's business men. January 15, 1873, he married Margaret, oldest daughter of John and Jane Weir of this place, formerly of Scotland. They had no children. Mr. Hewitt died May 18, 1881. The following extracts we take from obituary notes at the time of his death: "Mr. Hewitt began life in humble circumstances, by industry, economy and probity he acquired a handsome competency. He had excellent business judgment and marked executive ability. Quiet in manner, reticent in speech, he gave the impress of much reserve force. His disposition was amiable and cheerful. He was a man of decided literary tastes, and his careful reading gave him a large fund of information. He was a self-made man in every sense of the term, and was a member of the Methodist church and was interested in its Sabbath school, and in all matters that aimed at the elevation of mankind; obeying the scriptural injunction in all things—not to let your right hand know what the left hand doeth." In politics he was a faithful Republican. His wife was a member of the celebrated Weir family of physicians of Scotland, and her mother of the Clan of the MacDonalds, and on his side of good Quaker stock.

Hogg, James, was born in Rawden, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, November 10, 1851. He entered one of the woolen mills there at an early age, where he worked in the carding and spinning departments. His father, John Hogg, owned several hand looms and spinning jennneys. In this business he was called upon to assist his father and soon became proficient in hand spinning and weaving. Hand-loom weaving being on the decline his family removed to Saltair and there entered the employ of Sir Titus Salt, Bart., Sons & Co., where he laid a good foundation in the worsted business, having served an apprenticeship to wool sorting, after which he went to Greenock, Scotland, to return to the worsted spinning and drawing. After acquiring considerable experience at the latter place he returned to his native place, Yorkshire, where he held positions in some of the largest and best mills in and around Bradford. At the age of twenty-five years he was president of the Managers and Overlookers Provident Society in Bradford. In the year 1880 Mr. Hogg came to the United States and located at Lawrence, Mass., at which place he started up a worsted carpet-yarn mill for a new company which had just been formed at the time of his arrival. He remained in this position until the year 1888, when he came to Amsterdam to take charge as superintendent of the worsted mills of S. Sanford & Sons, which place he continues to fill. Mr. Hogg is the author of a book devoted to mill mathematics. He is also patentee

of several inventions, and although unfortunately deprived of the opportunity of an early education, he has attained the rank of being a high authority in mill mathematics and is considered a thoroughly practical mill man, with a good knowledge of the various classes of wool used in the manufacture of all grades of worsted yarns. Mr. Hogg married Mary Ann Waite of Guiseley, near his native place, who came to this country in the early part of 1881 with their five sons, viz.: Ernest, James Albert, Wilfred H., G. Walter, and William Gordon who died at the age of thirteen years. Five more have been added to their family since they came to the United States, viz.: Florence Ida, Hattie M., Frank H., Jennie and Edna.

Shubert, Frank, was born in the Hessian Province, Germany, January 21, 1841, and came to this country in 1857. He first located at Palatine Bridge, where he engaged with Loucks Shell on the Frey farm for one year; he then went into the shoe shop of Henry G. Winsmen of Canajoharie to learn the shoemakers' trade. He remained with him nearly three years and then went on a farm for a short time, but soon returned to the shoe business. On the 15th of August, 1861, he enlisted in the Forty-third New York Volunteers under Colonel Fenton. He saw service in nearly all the battles of the Peninsula, including Yorktown, Williamsburg, the seven days' fight, Crampton Pass, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mary's Heights, Salem Heights, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Appomattox Court House. His regiment was in the Sixth corps throughout the war and was mustered out of service June 27th, 1865. Mr. Shubert was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, but he returned to the field the following February. At the close of the war he returned to his home and engaged in his old trade of shoemaking, working at it for two months when he bought a half interest in the firm of Sticht & Brother, the firm name changing to Sticht & Shubert. The co-partnership lasted fourteen years, when it was dissolved by mutual consent, and Mr. Shubert bought the store where he now is in the Stumfield block, where he has done a successful business. He now does about \$10,000 worth of business a year and is one of the leading business men of Canajoharie. He married in 1868 Cecelia M. Letter of this place, by whom he had four children, James F. who died September 8, 1890, at twenty-one years of age; Frank M. was born January 19, 1871; Walter L., born in 1874; Bertil Henrietta, born September 17, 1885.



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